



# Milwaukee Police Department



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## Police Body Cameras

**Wisconsin Legislative Council:  
Study Committee on the Use of  
Body Cameras**

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# About the presenter:

## **Douglas J. Wiorek – Milwaukee Police Department**

Sergeant since 2004. Since 2015, he has fulfilled the role as the BWC Administrator/Program Manager and also serves as the Executive Officer for the IT Department.

Has been active in law enforcement since 1988, including twenty one years serving the City of Milwaukee.

In addition to his law enforcement experience, Sgt. Wiorek has several years of private security experience in North America's largest shopping mall, the Mall of America, and has served as a volunteer firefighter.



# The Road to Implementation of Body Cameras

- 07/13: The City of Milwaukee began considering the rollout of body cameras to increase transparency and accountability in modern policing
- 07/13 - 09/13: MPD instituted a 60 day Body Camera Pilot at District Five in Milwaukee's North side
  - Tested 5 cameras by 4 manufacturers including Panasonic, VieVu, Axon (2), & Digital Ally
- 02/15/14 - 05/14/14: Request for Proposal (RFP) developed/submitted
- 10/17/14 - 11/20/14: RFP issued by City Purchasing
- 03/10/15 - 06/30/15: In response to ongoing public feedback the City decides to expand to full program at cost of \$4.5 million
- 11/16/15: State Public Records Board approves MPD's proposed data retention schedule
- **06/30/15 Contract award issued to Axon**
  - **5 year camera and storage solution for \$4,351,014**
- 03/31/18 Axon contract extended 5 additional years



## The Road to Implementation of Body Cameras (continued)

- ◆ Any rollout or changes to the body camera program must be approved by the City of Milwaukee's Fire and Police Commission
- ◆ The BWC program is governed by publicly available policies within Standard Operating Procedure 747 - Body Worn Camera



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# Camera Deployment - Phases 1 and 2

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## PHASE 1

10/21/15: Phase 1 Camera “Go-Live date (179 cams)

## PHASE 2

03/21/16: Phase 2 Camera “Go-Live” date (280 cams) and study funded by the U.S. Department of Justice begins



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## Camera Deployment - Phases 3 and 4

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### **PHASE 3**

June - Sept 2016: Phase 3 “Go Live” (295 cams)  
Various start dates

### **PHASE 4 (Final Phase)**

Nov - Dec 2016: Phase 4 “Go Live” (430 Cams)  
Various start dates

Dec 2016 - Present: Full Enactment (1,100+ Cams)



# BWC Program...By the Numbers

## Body Camera Program Manager/Administrator

- Assisted by one full-time limited duty officer
- 1,100+ body cameras deployed – largest in state

### Oct 2015 to present

### Total Stored

Number of Active Videos Stored

1,319,116

Hours of Videos Stored

250,990

Gigabyte (GB) of Videos Stored  
via cloud upload through  
evidence.com

223,517 (223.5 Terabytes)

### Averages Per Day

Number of Videos Uploaded

1,466

Hours of Video Uploaded

272

GB of Video Uploaded

239



# The Axon Flex 2 Body Camera



**Demo:** How the camera works

- Camera Mounting options





# BWC Mounts for MPD



Vest Mount



Sunglasses Mount



Epaulette Mount



POV Head Mount



Ball Cap Mount



Collar Mount



# Axon Flex 2 Cameras



- Cams are individually serial numbered/assigned
- 64 GB storage capacity = 23½ hours of video storage (Up from 8GB and 9½ hours)
- Records @ 30 fps with a 30 second pre-buffer (video only/no sound)
- The lens has a 120 degree field of view (Up from 75 degrees).



# BWC Data Work Flow





## Strategies for Policing Innovation (SPI) Grant

- MPD awarded a competitive federal grant of \$660,000 to study the implementation of the program from 2015- 2018
- The study is a collaborative effort between MPD and Strategies for Policing Innovation (SPI); U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA); and the Urban Institute
- Study required a randomized selection of 252 sworn members city-wide to wear a camera (randomized by grant partners). Another group of 252 members formed the control group which did not wear cameras.



# Budget Realities and Next Steps

- ◆ Estimated for full-scale deployment of body cameras for 2018: \$1.2 million
- ◆ Projected costs for ongoing enactment for 2019: ≈\$1.2 million
- ◆ Potential to add body cameras to 30 undercover agents if necessary resources are secured

# Questions?



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