



U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance
Body-Worn Camera Policy Implementation Program (BWC PIP)

Body- Worn Camera (BWC) Policy Certification

On behalf of the grantee entity named below, I certify the following to the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice:

I certify that my agency has an existing and active policy (or general order) governing the use of body-worn cameras. I further certify that the policy was developed in consideration of all the items listed below and/or that the policy addresses all the topics listed below:

The following items were considered in development of my agency's body-worn camera policy:

- Perspectives of internal agency stakeholders (e.g., line officers, supervisors, and union representatives) were considered in policy development.
- External criminal justice stakeholders (e.g., prosecutors, defense bar, and judiciary) have been made aware of our body-worn camera program.
- Community groups and advocacy groups have been made aware of my agency's deployment of body-worn cameras.

The following topics are addressed in our agency's current body-worn camera policy:

- The policy (or general order) is compliant with all applicable state and local laws (or ordinances) on body-worn cameras and all laws that affect body-worn cameras.
- The policy provides specification on the department personnel who are required or permitted to wear body-worn cameras.
- The policy specifies circumstances or event types for which body-worn camera activation is required, or settings, circumstances, or event types in which body-worn cameras are prohibited or must be deactivated.
- The policy provides direction regarding notification of subjects that they are being recorded. Note: this may include mandatory notification, discretionary notification, or allowing officer to record without notification.
- The policy provides guidance and requirements for downloading body-worn camera footage onto storage media (e.g., individual responsible, time requirements, by end of shift, etc.).
- The policy addresses whether or not an officer is permitted to review his/her body-worn camera footage prior to writing a report when he/she has been involved in a critical incident such as an officer involved shooting or allegation of excessive use of force.
- The policy addresses whether or not an officer is permitted to review his/her body-worn camera footage for routine purposes such as report writing (when no critical incident event is at issue).
- The policy addresses mandatory training requirements for officer wearing body-worn cameras.



I have authority to make this certification on behalf of the grantee agency

Fiscal Year of BWCPIP Award:

Signature of Certifying Official:

Printed Name of Certifying Official:

Title of Certifying Official:

Full Name of Applicant Entity:

Date:

Grant Number (For BJA Use):