

DOJ Strategic Objectives

Promote and strengthen relationships and strategies for the administration of justice with state, local, tribal, and international law enforcement

Program Goals

The BWC program has four core goals:

1. Increase police transparency and accountability
2. Help de-escalate police-community member conflicts
3. Increase the number of police agencies using body-worn cameras
4. Assist law enforcement agencies to develop a comprehensive approach that employs body-worn cameras into officer practice.

Body-Worn Camera Program

Purpose of Report

The Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program Grantee Feedback Report is a biannual report prepared by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) that allows grantees to compare their project's reported performance measurement data to the BWC program as a whole. All reported data represent the six-month period of April–September 2016, unless otherwise noted.

Program Purpose¹

The purpose of the BWC program is to strengthen accountability and transparency in law enforcement through the effective deployment and use of body-worn camera systems.

Recent research suggests that body-worn cameras could be a useful tool for building and maintaining trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

This program provides grants to support:

1. Training and technical assistance in developing policies for body-worn camera use
2. Infrastructure needed to support body-worn camera systems
3. Purchase and deployment of body-worn camera systems.

Report Highlights

- 42 percent of grantees and subgrantees have had their policy development process approved by BJA and entered the implementation phase of their project prior to September 30, 2016.
- As of September 30, 2016, 8,000 body-worn cameras have been purchased using grant funds, which is about 57 percent² of the total number of body-worn cameras expected to be purchased when all grant funds are spent.
- During April–September 2016, grantees and subgrantees conducted 624 hours of outreach to the community, criminal justice partners, and other outside organizations regarding the use of body-worn cameras.

¹ The Biannual Grantee Feedback Report includes performance data reported by BJA Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program (BCJI) grant recipients that conducted grant activities through September 2016. The following data come from the Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) data covering BCJI grants from fiscal year (FY) 2012 through FY2015. The data reflected in this report represent the information as entered by grantees.

² The percent is calculated based only on grantees and subgrantees who have reported this information. Because many grantees and subgrantees in the planning phase have not yet reported these data, this percent will vary over time.

Grantee Overview

Table 1, below, outlines the four award categories which differentiate agencies based on their size and experience with body-worn cameras. Category 1 seeks to establish new BWC programs in large police agencies with 1,000 or more sworn officers; Category 2 seeks to establish new BWC programs in mid-sized police agencies with more than 250, but fewer than 1,000 sworn officers; Category 3 seeks to establish new BWC programs in small police agencies with 250 or fewer sworn officers; and Category 4 seeks to assist agencies with existing BWC programs and established BWC policies and practices that want to expand their program to more officers.

Table 1. BWC Awards³

	Number of Active Awards	Total Awards	Total Funds Awarded
Fiscal Year (FY) 2015			
Category 1 (Large Agencies)	7	7	\$6,600,000
Category 2 (Medium Agencies)	12	18	\$7,334,332
Category 3 (Small Agencies)	20	28	\$2,773,304
Category 4 (Expansion)	13	17	\$2,039,706
Total	52	70	\$18,747,342

Table 2. Operational Status of BWC Awards by Reporting Section

Reporting Period	Awards Reporting in Planning Section	Awards Reporting in Implementation Section	Awards Not Operational ⁴	Total
April–June 2016	20 (27%)	21 (28%)	33 (45%)	100% (74)
July–September 2016	18 (24%)	26 (35%)	30 (41%)	100% (74)

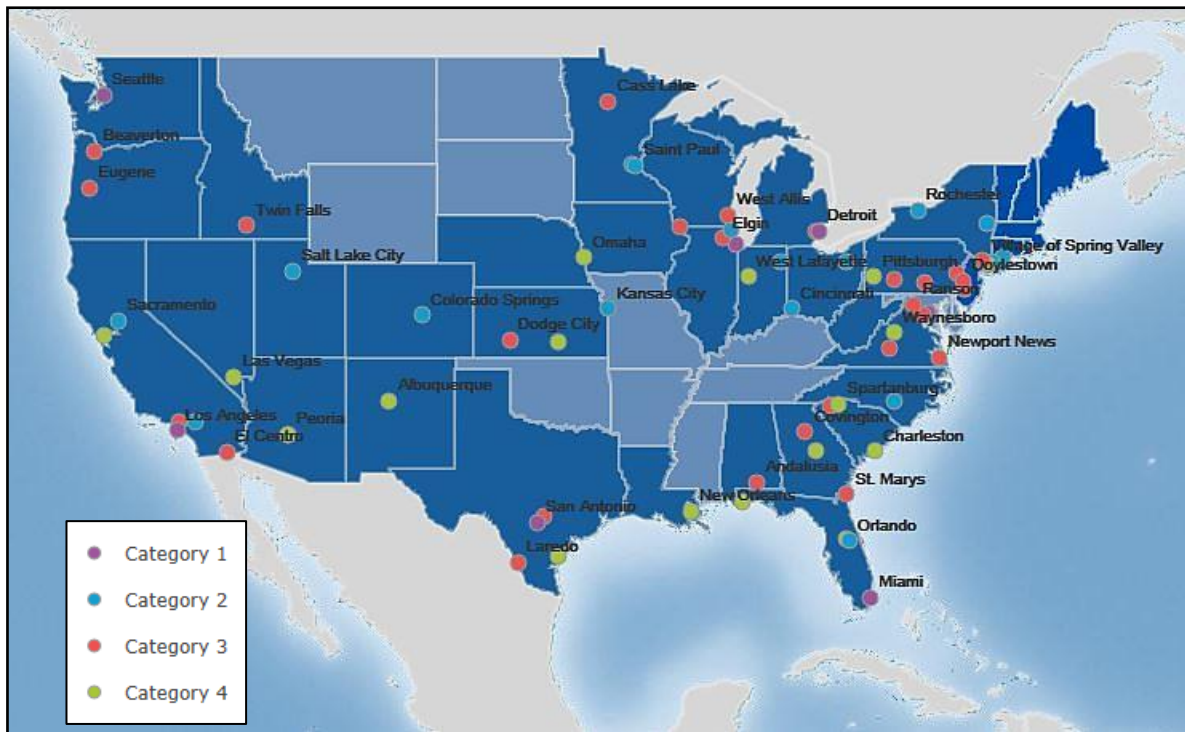
Table 2, above, shows how the body-worn camera performance measures are divided into two sections depending on the operational stage the agency is engaged in during the reporting period. These two sections include the planning section for grantees planning their BWC program and the implementation section for grantees that have started acting on their plan. Grantees can only report in one section each reporting period.

- Of the 74 grantees and subgrantees that reported in the most recent reporting period (July–September 2016), 41 percent ($n = 30$) had no grant activity, and 35 percent ($n = 26$) were in the implementation stage. Twenty-four percent ($n = 18$) of grantees indicated that they were in the planning stage.

³ Does not include subgrant awards.

⁴ Includes awards marked as not operational, awards that did not report in the Performance Measurement Tool (PMT), and awards that did not have any planning or implementation activity. Awards marked not operational in this reporting period may have achieved key planning and implementation objectives in previous reporting periods.

Figure 1. Map of BWC Sites by Category



- Of the 70 awards issued, 40 percent of grantees ($n = 28$) were in Category 3, followed by 26 percent ($n = 18$) in Category 2, 24 percent ($n = 17$) in Category 4, and 10 percent ($n = 7$) in Category 1.

Performance Measure Review⁵

Tables 3, 4, and 5 represent active grantees and subgrantees reporting in the implementation phase and span the two reporting periods from April–September 2016.

- Table 3, below, shows the number of body-worn cameras proposed to be purchased and purchased by grantees and subgrantees using BJA funds.

⁵ Grantees can use Tables 3, 4, and 5 to compare their reported values to the program overall. Numbers in the Total column are the total combined value of all grantees. Numbers in the Minimum Value column represent the smallest number reported by a grantee, and numbers in the Maximum Value column represent the largest. The Average (Mean) column is calculated by dividing the total by the number of grantees and subgrantees (N).

Table 3. Cameras Purchased and Cameras Planned to be Purchased

Key Performance Measure	N	Total	Average (Mean)	Range	
				Minimum	Maximum
Cameras Planned to be Purchased⁶	30	14,157	472	20	5,800
Category 1 (Large Agencies)	5	10,325	2,065	500	5,800
Category 2 (Medium Agencies)	3	1,433	478	300	628
Category 3 (Small Agencies)	10	869	87	20	185
Category 4 (Expansion)	12	1,530	128	25	217
Cameras Purchased Using BJA Funds	30	8,000	267	0	1,330
Category 1 (Large Agencies)	5	4,096	819	0	1,330
Category 2 (Medium Agencies)	3	1,578	526	0	1,064
Category 3 (Small Agencies)	10	530	53	0	185
Category 4 (Expansion)	12	1,796	150	0	1,000

Table 4. Officers Deemed Eligible for BWCs

	N	Total	Average (Mean)	Range	
				Minimum	Maximum
Category 1 (Large Agencies)	5	21,159	4,232	2,400	7,000
Category 2 (Medium Agencies)	3	1,804	601	427	845
Category 3 (Small Agencies)	10	976	98	30	215
Category 4 (Expansion)	12	4,958	413	49	1,750
Total	30	28,897	963	30	7,000

- Table 4, above, shows the number of sworn positions deemed eligible by the local agency for body-worn cameras, while table 5 shows the number of officers proposed to receive body-worn cameras. Table 4 represents individual officers, while the cameras can be used by more than one officer across multiple shifts.

⁶ This is the total number of cameras that grantees listed in their grant application to purchase. Some agencies may exceed the number of cameras they plan to purchase, while other grantees may not achieve that number. Grantees are allowed to adjust their baseline in the PMT report.

Table 5. Officers Proposed to Receive BWCs through Grant

	N	Total	Average (Mean)	Range	
				Minimum	Maximum
Category 1 (Large Agencies)	5	10,325	2,065	500	5,800
Category 2 (Medium Agencies)	3	1,392	464	300	587
Category 3 (Small Agencies)	10	833	83	25	175
Category 4 (Expansion)	12	1,596	133	25	500
Total	30	14,146	472	25	5,800

Community Outreach

Figure 2. Outreach Efforts

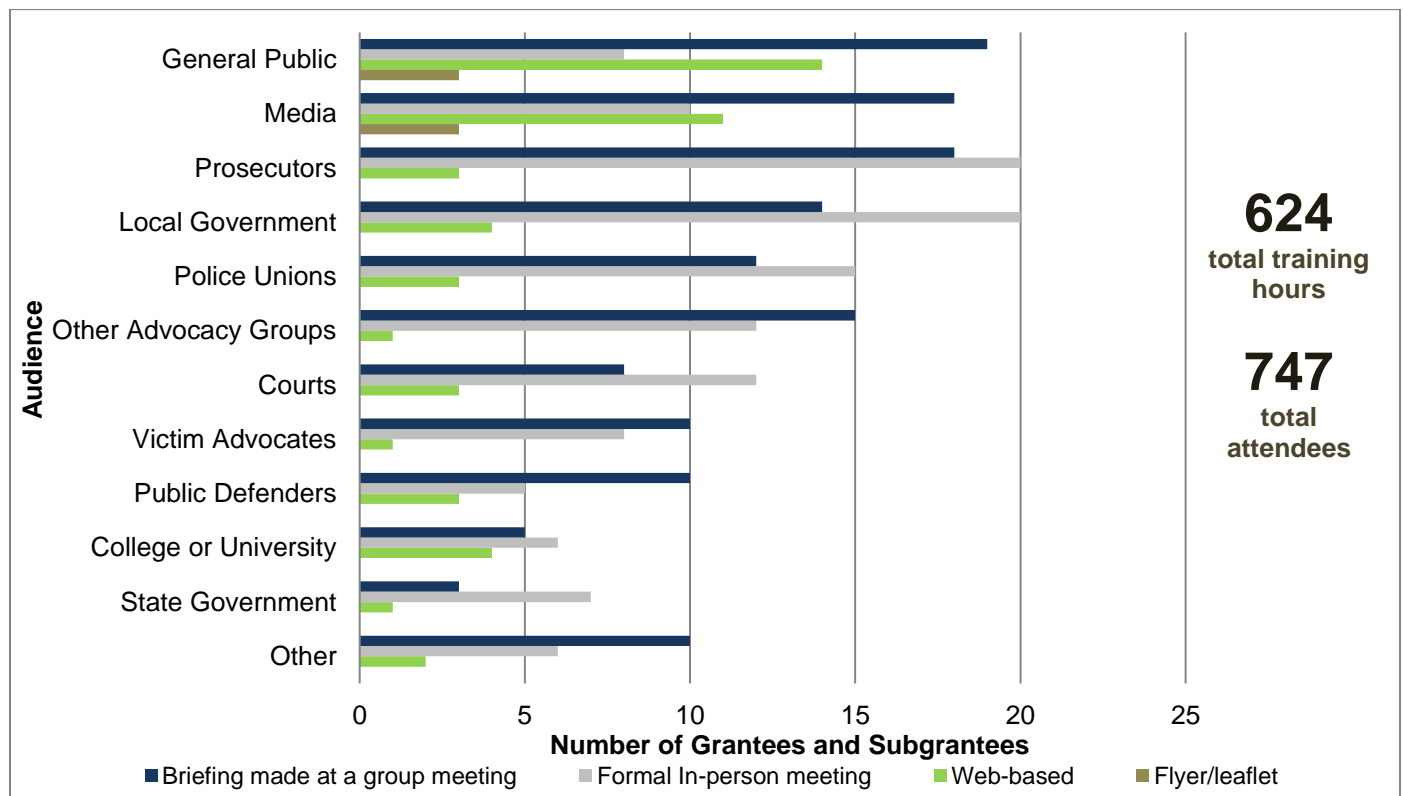


Figure 2, above, outlines the number of grantees and subgrantees that conducted outreach to the community, criminal justice partners, or other outside organizations regarding officers’ use of body-worn cameras. Sixty-five percent of active grantees and subgrantees indicated that they conducted some sort of outreach during the July–September 2016 reporting period. Agencies may choose not to engage in outreach during all reporting periods, and outreach is expected to be higher when agencies are in the planning phase and reaching out to the community and stakeholders to get input and buy-in on body-worn camera policies.

Figure 3. Body-Worn Camera Footage Use

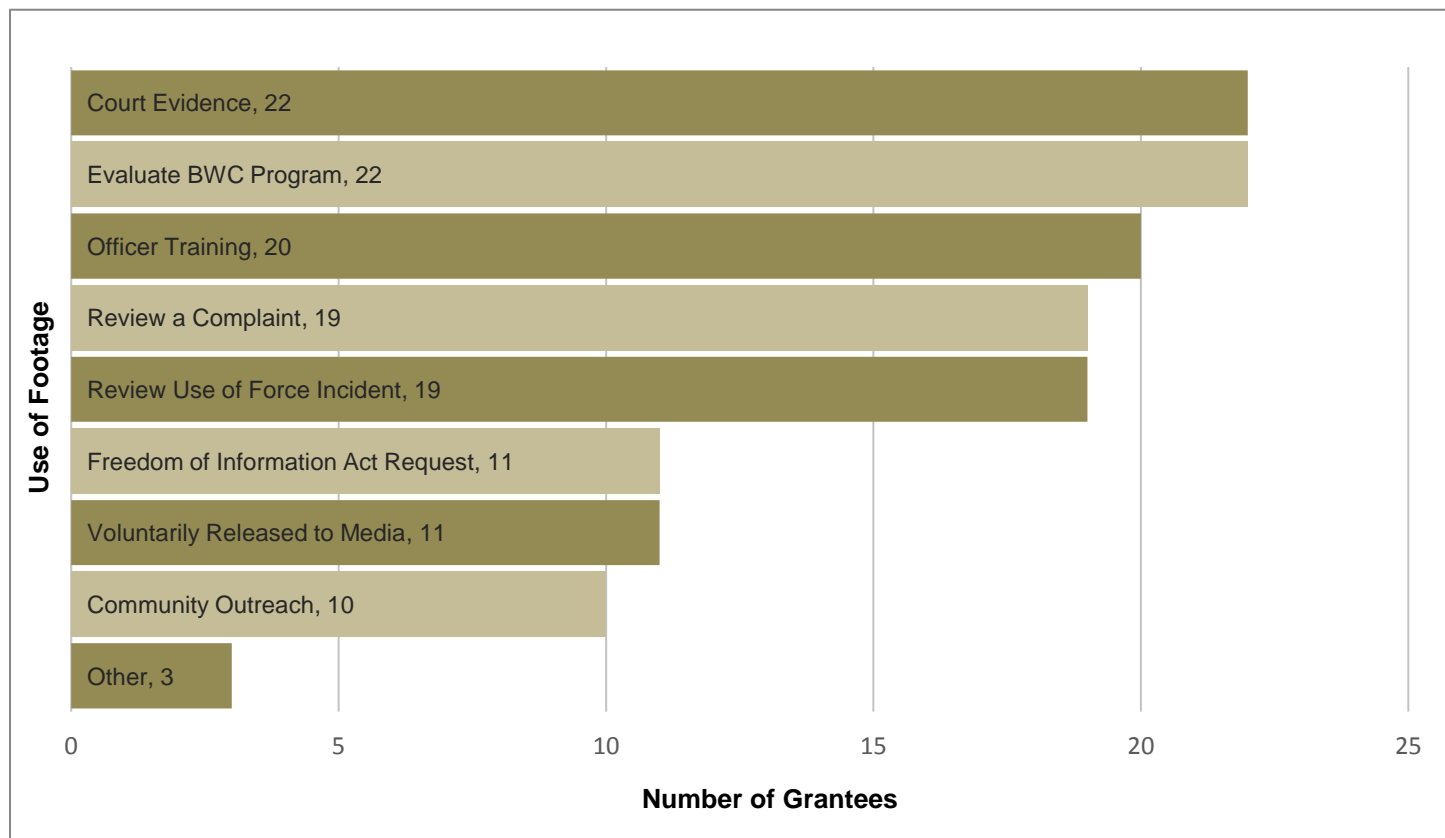


Figure 3, above, outlines the reasons for using body-worn camera footage reported by grantees and subgrantees. Grantees and subgrantees most often report using the camera footage for evaluating the BWC program and as court evidence.

Appendix A. Key Performance Measures by Grantees

April–September 2016

Grantee	Federal Award Number	Project Phase	Community Training Hours	Police Training Hours	# of Police Eligible for BWCs	# Proposed to Receive BWCs through Grant	# of BWCs Proposed to Be Purchased	# of BWCs Purchased
Borough of Carlisle, PA	2015-DE-BX-K035	Planning	0	100				
Camden County Sheriff's Office	2015-DE-BX-K061	no grant activity						
Central Bucks Regional Police Department	2015-DE-BX-K066	Implementation	0	16	215	120	120	10
Cherry Hill Police Department	2015-DE-BX-K031	Planning	0	214				
City of Albany - Department of Public Safety	2015-DE-BX-K018	Planning	0	0				
City of Albuquerque	2015-DE-BX-K074	no grant activity						
City of Allentown	2015-DE-BX-K015	no grant activity						
City of Andalusia	2015-DE-BX-K041	Implementation	0	184	54	54	67	67
City of Apopka	2015-DE-BX-K028	Implementation	0	13	97	59	59	59
City of Beaverton	2015-DE-BX-K070	Planning	0	6				
City of Bridgeport	2015-DE-BX-K051	no grant activity						
City of Charleston, SC	2015-DE-BX-K006	Implementation	0	1	458	56	56	56
City of Chicago	2015-DE-BX-K017	Implementation	0	1,220	6,343	1,330	1,330	1,330
City of Colorado Springs	2015-DE-BX-K059	Planning	5	7				
City of Corpus Christi	2015-DE-BX-K045	Implementation	0	0	322	122	122	0
City of Dearborn	2015-DE-BX-K055	Implementation	0	0	188	175	175	0
City of Dubuque	2015-DE-BX-K054	Implementation	0	49	109	109	122	20
City of Elgin	2015-DE-BX-K016	no grant activity						

City of Fairfax	2015-DE-BX-K005	Planning	0	0				
City of Fayetteville	2015-DE-BX-K004	no grant activity						
City of Fontana	2015-DE-BX-K057	no grant activity						
City of Fort Wayne	2015-DE-BX-K058	no grant activity						
City of Glendale, Arizona	2015-DE-BX-K060	Implementation	64	208	427	300	300	0
City of Greenville	2015-DE-BX-K040	no grant activity						
City of Johnstown, PA	2015-DE-BX-K038	no grant activity						
City of Lynchburg, VA	2015-DE-BX-K064	Implementation	0	39	174	174	185	185
City of Minneapolis	2015-DE-BX-K025	Implementation	10	875	845	587	628	1,064
City of New Haven	2015-DE-BX-K023	no grant activity						
City of New Orleans, New Orleans Police Department	2015-DE-BX-K029	Implementation	6	7	1,158	199	213	199
City of Newport News	2015-DE-BX-K067	Planning	0	0				
City of Omaha	2015-DE-BX-K073	no grant activity						
City of Orlando	2015-DE-BX-K033	no grant activity						
City of Pasadena	2015-DE-BX-K050	Planning	0	0.5				
City of Pensacola	2015-DE-BX-K013	no grant activity						
City of Peoria	2015-DE-BX-K020	Implementation	0	70	129	75	75	75
City Of Pittsburgh	2015-DE-BX-K010	Planning	0	120				
City of Ranson, WV	2015-DE-BX-K065	no grant activity						
City of Richmond	2015-DE-BX-K011	Implementation	0	3	188	180	100	0
City of Rochester	2015-DE-BX-K022	Implementation	392	656	532	505	505	214
City of Sacramento	2015-DE-BX-K049	Planning	0	0				

City of Saint Paul	2015-DE-BX-K021	Planning	0	4				
City of San Bernardino	2015-DE-BX-K057	no grant activity						
City of Spartanburg	2015-DE-BX-K012	Implementation	2	2	128	108	108	85
City of Stamford	2015-DE-BX-K051	Planning	0	48				
City of Tulsa, Oklahoma	2015-DE-BX-K024	no grant activity						
City of Twin Falls	2015-DE-BX-K062	Implementation	5	14	78	58	60	60
City of Waynesboro	2015-DE-BX-K036	Implementation	0	4	54	30	30	30
City of West Allis	2015-DE-BX-K044	Planning	0	112				
City of White Plains, New York	2015-DE-BX-K046	Implementation	11	16	196	25	25	50
City of Wichita	2015-DE-BX-K030	Implementation	0	200	429	217	217	217
Detroit Police Department	2015-DE-BX-K034	Planning	0	1.5				
Dinwiddie County	2015-DE-BX-K071	Not Started						
Dodge City Police Department	2015-DE-BX-K053	Implementation	0	14	49	49	49	147
Eugene, City of	2015-DE-BX-K014	Planning	0	0				
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office	2015-DE-BX-K027	Planning	0	0				
Imperial County	2015-DE-BX-K056	no grant activity						
Kingsland Police Department	2015-DE-BX-K061	Implementation	0	1	42	32	20	16
Lake County Sheriff's Department	2015-DE-BX-K048	Planning	0	27				
Laredo Independent School District	2015-DE-BX-K072	Implementation	38	35	37	37	46	0
Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department	2015-DE-BX-K043	Implementation	2	200	1,750	500	500	1,000
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	2015-DE-BX-K063	Planning	56	0				
Los Angeles Police Department	2015-MU-BX-K039	Implementation	0	0	7,000	5,800	5,800	0

Metropolitan Police Department	2015-DE-BX-K047	Implementation	2	51	2,400	500	500	500
Miami-Dade County	2015-DJ-BX-K037	Implementation	0	5,276	2,866	1,252	1,252	626
New Braunfels, City of	2015-DE-BX-K068	no grant activity						
Newton County Sheriff's Office	2015-DE-BX-K042	Planning	6.5	0				
San Antonio, City of	2015-DJ-BX-K009	Implementation	22	1,488	2,550	1,443	1,443	1,640
Seattle Police Department	2015-DE-BX-K007	Planning	0	0				
St. Mary's Police Department	2015-DE-BX-K061	Implementation	0	1	30	25	25	25
The City of Akron	2015-DE-BX-K019	Planning	2	449				
Unified Police Department of Greater Salt Lake	2015-DE-BX-K026	Planning	0	0				
Village of Spring Valley	2015-DE-BX-K001	Planning	0	0				
West Lafayette, City of	2015-DE-BX-K008	Implementation	0	2	49	25	25	25
Wilkinson County	2015-DE-BX-K003	no grant activity						