

BJA Body-Worn Camera Podcast Script

Podcast Series Introduction

Intro: Hello listeners and welcome to the Bureau of Justice Assistance Body-Worn Camera podcast series. I'm Todd Maxwell from BJA's body-worn camera team. As an accompaniment to BJA's Body-Worn Camera Toolkit, the podcast series provides insight from leaders in the body camera field on issues involving body-worn cameras and shares their practical experiences involving the research, implementation, policy formation, and other areas of interest that are trending around body-worn cameras. Throughout this series you will hear a variety of interview and presentation style sessions involving researchers, early adopters, policymakers, technologists, advocates, civil rights groups, and more from all over the United States. Additionally, you will hear from a few subject matter experts from other countries who have extensive experience in body cameras. The intent of the series is to assist your organization and community in the decisionmaking and implementation process as you develop your body-worn camera program. The interviewers are all part of the BJA body-worn camera team that helped convene a two-day Body-Worn Camera Expert Panel in February 2015 at the White House's Executive Office as part of the 21st Century Policing effort. The panel comprised of law enforcement leaders, recognized practitioners, national policy leaders, and community advocates to develop a toolkit and provide guidance and model policies for law enforcement agencies implementing body-worn camera programs. The Body-Worn Camera Toolkit was created and built using the information shared during the expert panel meeting. We encourage law enforcement, justice, and public safety leaders, whose agencies are interested in learning more about the implementation of body-worn camera programs, to visit the Body-Worn Camera Toolkit at www.bja.gov/bwc. This toolkit offers a variety of resources that agencies can use to help with adoption and use for community engagement, policy development, data collection, officer training, and educational purposes. We also encourage listeners to share and promote

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these resources with your colleagues and staff. Lastly, all of these resources, especially the Body-Worn Camera Toolkit, have been designed as a national resource – “your resource.”

Please submit your ideas for new content through the “BWC Support link” at the bottom of the homepage. Thank you all for taking the time to listen and we hope you enjoy the BJA Body-Worn Camera podcast series. This is Todd Maxwell of the BJA’s body-worn camera team signing off.