



# Transit Police Enhancement Update

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# Transit Police Enhancement Project

## Three Pillars of the project:

### 1. Dispatch Center

- Two dispatch consoles in main office

### 2. Portable Radios

- 130 portable radios for officers

### 3. Body Worn Cameras

- 130 body worn cameras for officers

# Body Worn Cameras

- In 2019, nearly 9,000 out of the 18,000 law enforcement agencies utilized body worn cameras
- Goal:
  - improve evidence collection
  - strengthen officer performance and accountability
  - enhance agency transparency
  - investigate and resolve complaints and officer-involved incidents

# Body Camera Technology



Body Camera



Uploads through  
Wi-Fi/Ethernet



Cloud Storage



Video  
Management



Video/Data  
Release



# Transit Police Enhancement

Project	Purpose	Status
Dispatch Consoles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replace single base station with 2 consoles</li><li>• enhanced features and a 3-tier redundancy system</li></ul>	Complete
Portable Radios	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replace portable radios with APX4000s</li><li>• Interoperability with operations and agencies</li></ul>	Complete
Body Worn Cameras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Issue BWC to each officer</li><li>• Cloud based system</li><li>• Redaction software</li></ul>	In-process Go-Live Fall 2021
Cruiser Routers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replace routers with FirstNet devices</li><li>• Unlimited/Unthrottled bandwidth</li><li>• In-cruiser BWC upload</li></ul>	In-process Go-Live Fall 2021

# Transit Police BWC Project

- The BWC system will provide an unbiased video/audio account of events that take place during an incident or interaction between the Transit Police and the public.
- The recordings will be used for evidence, report preparation, and testimony in court.

# Transit Police Administration

- **BWC Administrative Staff** – Personnel who are responsible for maintaining the BWC system, including the Administrative Commander, the BWC Sergeant and additional Personnel identified by the Chief of Police.
- **BWC Administrative Sergeant** - Sergeant appointed by the Chief of Police who is responsible for administration of the BWC system and any ancillary responsibilities. These responsibilities include the distribution, accountability and maintenance of the WatchGuard V300, Evidence Library software and media contained within.

# BWC Operation

- Personnel assigned a BWC shall keep the unit powered on for the entirety of their shift and may power the unit off only on personal breaks (i.e. meal, restroom, and personal phone calls).
- BWCs shall be worn in a manner that reasonably captures the most accurate account of an incident.
- Personnel utilizing a BWC should announce when they are recording as close to the start of the recording as possible unless it is unsafe, impractical, or unnecessary.



# BWC Operation

- Personnel shall activate the BWC at the start of any enforcement activity.
- Enforcement activities include:
  - Calls for service and self-initiated field activity
  - All investigatory stops/detentions
  - Traffic and pedestrian stops
  - Any pursuit
  - All searches, including inventory searches of vehicles
  - Use of Force
  - Arrests

# BWC Operation

- When more than one Transit Police officer is present at an enforcement activity or other event requiring activation of the BWC, all Personnel present must activate and maintain their BWC in active status.
- The BWC interfaces directly with the CAD/RMS reporting system and will automatically document when BWC video/audio is available for an incident.
- All data shall be classified according to policy and training, then uploaded to the Evidence Library prior to the end of the current shift

# Questions