Body Worn Cameras

January 29, 2015
• In car video
  – CMPD implemented in car video in 1997 to capture officer and citizen interactions during traffic stops
    • Video limited to what is in front of patrol car
    • Audio limited in distance away from patrol car
• Body worn cameras (BWC)
  – Newest technology
    • Small lightweight cameras
    • Worn on uniform, hat, helmet or head
    • Goes with the officer away from the car
    • Provides higher level of transparency with new perspective
• Current BWC Deployment
  – August, 2012
    • Motorcycle Unit (16)
    • Primarily used for traffic stops
  – September, 2013
    • Twenty-Six officer pilot in Patrol
      – Use expanded beyond traffic stops
      – Well accepted by officers
      – Well accepted by the public
      – Highly publicized
July 2014

- Five vendors submitted proposals
  - Narrowed to two vendors
    - Field tested two models of cameras
      » Ten days
        • Patrol Officers
        • Supervisors

- Video
  - Video
• Taser Axon Flex Body Worn Camera Selected
  – Ease of use
  – Durability
  – Security
  – Mounting options
  – Automatic Activations
    • Blue lights
    • TASER
CAMERA SYSTEM

- Improved transparency recording
  - 75 degree field of view capturing new perspective of officer and citizens
- Thirty second pre-activation video buffer
  - Capture the thirty seconds of video immediately prior to the recording being started
- Retina low light
  - Advanced technology allows camera to capture light comparable to the human eye
- Security
  - Officers do not have access to delete or edit video
  - Video is automatically and securely uploaded at the end of an officer’s shift
  - Retention rules provide storage of video for criminal investigations, citizen complaints and training
CAMERA SYSTEM

- Multiple mounting options
  - Sunglasses
  - Headband
  - Collar
  - Ball cap
  - Helmet
  - Epaulette
• Year One
  – Taser’s Evidence.Com
    • Hosted cloud-based system
      – Storage location of all year-one video

• Year Two
  – Digital Evidence Management System (DEMS)
    • City owned/maintained server based system
    • Integration with Evidence.Com
      – Storage location of all video marked for criminal or personnel investigations and citizen complaints (long term storage)
      – Evidence.Com will maintain all other video for 45 days
• Evidence.Com and DEMS are secure password/permissions enabled systems that create audit logs based on video access.
• All recordings are securely stored on the camera until uploaded.
• Recordings cannot be edited or deleted by officers.
POLICY

- Body Worn Camera (BWC) recordings
  - Traffic stops
  - Stop and Frisk (reasonable suspicion of criminal activity)
  - Arrests
  - Uses of Force
  - During consent searches of persons and/or property
  - When requested by a citizen during an interaction with an officer
  - When operating a vehicle in a manner that requires activation of its blue lights and siren
• BWC calls for service recordings
  – Disturbances or disorders
  – Involving emotionally or mentally disturbed persons
  – Involving weapons or violence
  – Identified as “in progress”
• BWC recordings are intended to capture interactions between officers and citizens
• BWC’s will not be used to record
  – Criminal investigations
  – Interviews with victims and/or witnesses
  – Conversations between officers and citizens that are not associated with a required activation
• Recording will cease once an officer’s actions change to an investigative role
• Office of Professional Responsibility
  – Analyze data
  – Currently developing policies and procedures for the random audit of video
    • In-car
    • Body worn
    • Interview room
  – Major Mike Adams assigned to oversee audit development
  – Audits conducted to address
    – Compliance with policies and procedures
    – Courtesy
    – Training
      » Tactics/Officer safety
• Public access/release
  – NC Law
    • Video recordings related to a criminal investigation are not considered a public record. NCGS 132-1
    • Video recordings related to Departmental disciplinary action against an employee are not considered a public record. NCGS 160A-168
• Public access/release
  – NC Law
  • BWC Video
    – Seeking to obtain new local modification of personnel record law NC 160A-168 to include BWC video. “A person alleging a complaint against an officer may be allowed to review video recording of the incident”
    – Already in place for in-car video, 1997
IMPLEMENTATION and TRAINING

- March, 2015
  - Two divisions per month
    - A shift at a time
    - All officers on a shift will deploy with cameras the following day
- April, 2015
  - Three divisions per month
- Expect to complete training by end of September 2015
## ESTIMATED COSTS & ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES

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