



Seattle Police Department

**Body-Worn Video
Regional Law, Safety, and Justice Committee
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Body-Worn Video Program Goals

- Enhance Public Trust
- Increase Transparency of Officer-Public Interaction



Body-Worn Video at SPD

- “Proof-of-Concept”
 - 2015
 - Handful of Officers
 - Used Two Different Vendor Products
 - BWV “YouTube” Channel
- BWV Pilot
 - December 2016
 - West Precinct Bicycle Unit
 - Voluntary Participation (about 25 officers)
 - MOU with Officer’s Guild for 90 days



Body-Worn Video at SPD

- Full Deployment
 - All Precincts Deployed as of January 19, 2018
 - Specialty Unit Deployment in February 2018
- Scope
 - 925 Officers
 - Uniformed, Front-Line Officers Only



RFP/Budget

- Competitive Bidding Process
 - Axon (Taser) Winning Proposal
- Project Budget
 - \$1.8M – City Funds
 - \$600K – Federal Grant
- Ongoing Budget
 - \$2.2M
 - Storage, Software Subscriptions, Warranties, Staff (Support and PDR-Related)



Stakeholders

- Prosecutors
- Defense Attorneys
- Courts
- Officer/Supervisor Unions
- City Council
- Community



Stakeholder Concerns

- Officer/Supervisor Unions
 - BWV Policy
 - Use in Officer Discipline
 - Compensation
- Community (Not Comprehensive List)
 - Privacy Concerns
 - When Officers Turn On/Off
 - Public Rights Re: BWV



Stakeholder Concerns

- Community (Cont.)
 - Facial Recognition/AI Technology
 - Use in Prosecutions
 - Retention of Videos
 - Unintended Consequences
 - Victim Blaming/Shaming
 - Victim Safety
 - Immigrant Communities (Less Likely to Report Crimes)
 - System Security



The Body Worn Bill (EHB 2362)

- RCW 10.109
 - Policy requirements
- RCW 42.56.240(14)
 - Public Records Act Provisions
- Expires July 2019
 - HB 2893 & SB 6408



- **Policy requirements**
 - Activation/deactivation
 - Person unwilling to be recorded
 - Notification incl. non-English, deaf & hard of hearing
 - Training
 - Security
- **Ordinance**
 - Community Involvement
- **Task Force**
 - Report including model policies by December 1, 2017



RCW42.56.240(14)

- Request requirements
- Redaction cost recovery from some requestors
- Presumption that disclosing certain images is “highly offensive to a reasonable person”



Presumed “Highly Offensive”

- Any areas of a medical facility, counseling, or therapeutic program office where:
 - A patient is registered to receive treatment, receiving treatment, waiting for treatment, or being transported in the course of treatment; or
 - Health care information is shared with patients, their families, or among the care team; or
 - Information that meets the definition of protected health information for purposes of the health insurance portability and accountability act of 1996 or health care information for purposes of chapter 70.02 RCW;



Presumed “Highly Offensive”

- The interior of a place of residence where a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy
- An intimate image as defined in RCW 9A.86.010
- Identity of or communications from a victim or witness of an incident involving domestic violence; or
- Identifiable location information of a community-based domestic violence program or emergency shelter
- A minor; or
- Body of a deceased person

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Questions?

Thank you