

# Austin Police Department

## Body Worn Camera Presentation



# APD History



- In car video for over 10 years
- Tested Body Cameras in 2011-2012
- Evolution of Technology

# Body Worn Camera Presentation

- State Law
- APD Policy
- Camera Specifications
- Next Steps
- Questions



# Texas State Law—SB158



- Defines Body Worn Camera
- Defines a Private Space

# Texas State Law



- Policy with guidelines for turning camera on and off
- May only be activated for Law Enforcement Purposes.
- May not require recording for an entire shift

# Texas State Law



- Training
- 90 days retention for all videos

# Texas State Law

## Requesting Videos



Public Requests for Videos must contain:

1. The date and time
2. Location
3. Name of a person on recording

# Texas State Law



- Police may not release any part of a video made in a private space or a recording of a misdemeanor punishable by fine only, without written permission from the person involved.



# Texas State Law



- Crime to release video without permission from agency
- A video of a use of deadly force by an officer or the investigation of an officer can not be released to the public until all criminal and administrative process have been completed.

# APD Body Camera Policy



- At the beginning of each shift officers will test their body camera to make sure the camera is operating properly. (audio, video, date/time, trigger)
- If the camera is not functioning properly, the camera will be turned in for repair and the officer will be able to check out a spare camera

# APD Body Camera Policy

## Examples of When Activation is Required

- Traffic stops
- DWIs
- Warrant service
- Investigatory stops
- Call for service



# APD Body Camera Policy



- Rapid Response—Activate BWC as soon as practical

# APD Body Camera Policy



- Once the body camera is activated, it will stay active until the incident has concluded
  - All arrests have been made and arrestees have been transported; and
  - No further law enforcement action is likely to occur (e.g., waiting for a tow truck or a family member to arrive).

# APD Body Camera Policy



- Requests to stop recording  
Officer will explain policy
- Random monthly audits for policy compliance

# APD Body Camera Policy



- Shall not convert for their personal use or for the unauthorized use of another person, any information obtained by a BWC system.
- No personal copies of videos
- No social media without authorization

# Some Requested Specifications



- Remote Triggers
- Categorize videos.
- Must see what an officer will see in daylight or nighttime.
- Battery life
- Ability to redact videos
- Security features including audit trails and watermarks



# Next Steps

- RFP
- Select and Test
- Contract
- Training
- Deploy





Questions?