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Body-Worn Camera Implementation

RCMP Nova Scotia

Current Status

- ❑ The Axon Public Safety Canada Inc. body-worn camera (BWC) field test was successful.
- ❑ National deployment began November 18, 2024.
- ❑ Currently in phase 3 (final phase of deployment)
 - ❑ Guysborough/ Antigonish/ Cape Breton Island - February 2025
 - ❑ Halifax Regional Detachment – Cole Harbour, Lower Sackville and Tantallon – March 2025
- ❑ This is a phased in approach across the Province with anticipation for implementation to be complete Spring 2025.
- ❑ Details of the contract can be obtained by interested police agencies and other government departments.
- ❑ Policy, training, procedures, facility and security requirements have been developed and are being re-assessed as we move through deployment.
- ❑ We continue to remain engaged with our stakeholders throughout deployment.
- ❑ Continued improvements in alignment with the RCMP's Digital Strategy are ongoing to create efficiencies as we progress.



BWC-DEMS Overview



Body-worn Camera Highlights:

- ❑ If the event button is flashing **green**, the camera is ready to record. When the member completes a double press of the event button, it starts the recording and flashes **red**.
- ❑ Members are only able to view their own video. They can not view each others videos unless it is shared with another user. Supervisors can view videos of the members that fall below them in the command hierarchy. Program Managers and Coordinators can also access videos to complete redactions.
- ❑ There is a detailed audit trail of when body-worn video is shared or viewed.

Key Policy Pieces:

- ❑ Once issued a Body-worn camera, members are expected to record when attending calls.
- ❑ Recording is not permitted in areas where there is a high expectation of privacy such as washrooms, hospitals, or treatment centres. (There are exemptions under exigent circumstances)
- ❑ Policy states BWC's can not be used for surveillance purpose. This means members will not be patrolling with their BWC's on. They will only be activated when necessary according to policy.

Questions?



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