

## Police Body Worn Camera Program



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## **Statistics**

- 18,000 law enforcement agencies in the United States
- Approximately 58% are equipped with BWC (Gov't Tech June 2019)
- Majority equip uniformed patrol officers and front-line supervisors (approximately 185 in Clearwater)
- Public support for BWC 90%



## 2015 Feasibility Study

- Technology (activation, storage, review, redaction)
- Legislation (public records, audio recording without knowledge, victims)
- Lack of empirical studies (Rialto 2012)
- Cost to manage program & fulfill public records requests – video must be viewed in entirety and redactions identified

# Changes Since 2015 Study

- Technology (Activation linked to firearm, storage established, automated redaction features)
- Legislation (Public records requests) exemptions address privacy concerns; victims – Marsy's Law; police BWC exempt from recording without knowledge
- Multiple scientific studies have demonstrated a reduction in complaints and use of force.

#### **Estimated Costs to Equip Uniformed Patrol Officers**

200 Licenses Unlimited = \$405,600 200 BWC (Axon 3) x 699.00 = \$139,800 25 Chargers x 1,495.00 = \$37,375 Equipment & Licenses (ESTIMATE) = \$582,775

New Records Position PIT II (PRR & SAO requests) \$43,907 New Sergeant Position (Administrator/Audit): \$120,349 \$164,256

Total Year One (Estimated) Costs: \$747,031

**Recurring Annual Cost:** 

\$405,600 (licensing) + \$164,255 (personnel) = **\$569,855** 



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