

# Body Camera Project

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# City Council Goals

## 2014-15 City Council Goals

The following City Council Goals serve as a guide for the upcoming fiscal year, and provide overall direction for the City's services and programs:

- ✓ Place San Leandro on a firm foundation for long-term fiscal accountability
- ✓ Provide quality public safety service and grow our partnership with the community to keep San Leandro safe

# Police Video Camera Study

- ✓ A 2005 study by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) showed that 93% of complaints of misconduct were dismissed when video was present.
- ✓ This same study states that 48% of the public would be less likely to file a complaint if video was present.

# Studies on effectiveness

## Studies on Effectiveness

UNIVERSITY OF  
CAMBRIDGE

INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY

### The New York Times

Wearing a Badge, and a Video Camera



HERE'S a fraught encounter: one police officer, one civilian and anger felt by one or both. Afterward, it may be hard to sort out who did what to whom.

Joshua Lott for The New York Times, April 7, 2013

Now, some police departments are using miniaturized video cameras and their microphones to capture, in full detail, officers' interactions with civilians. The cameras are so small that they can be attached to a collar, a cap or even to the side of an officer's sunglasses. High-capacity battery packs can last for an extended shift. And all of the videos are uploaded automatically to a central server that serves as a kind of digital evidence locker.

William A. Farrar, the police chief in Rialto, Calif., has been investigating whether officers' use of video cameras can bring measurable benefits to relations between the police and civilians. Officers in Rialto, which has a population of about 100,000, already carry

picture of what occurred, why not have your own?" he asked. "In this way, you have the real one."

Last year, Mr. Farrar used the new wearable video cameras to conduct a continuing experiment in his department, in collaboration with Barak Ariel, a visiting fellow at the Institute of Criminology at the University of Cambridge an assistant professor at Hebrew University.

Half of Rialto's uniformed patrol officers on each week's schedule have been randomly assigned the cameras, also made by Taxa International. Whenever officers wear the cameras, they are expected to activate them when they leave the patrol car to speak with a civilian.

A convenient feature of the camera is its "pre-event video buffer," which continuously records and holds the most recent 30 seconds of video when the camera is off. In this way, the initial activity that prompts the officer to turn on the camera is more likely to be captured automatically, too.

THE Rialto study began in February 2012 and will run until this July. The results from the first 12 months are striking. Even with only half of the 54 uniformed patrol officers wearing cameras at any given time, the department over all had an 88 percent decline in the number of complaints filed against officers, compared with the 12 months before the study, to 3 from 24.

Rialto's police officers also used force nearly 60 percent less often — in 25 instances, compared with 61. When force was used, it was twice as likely to have been applied by the

Reduce  
COMPLAINTS



87.5%

Reduce  
LITIGATION



93%

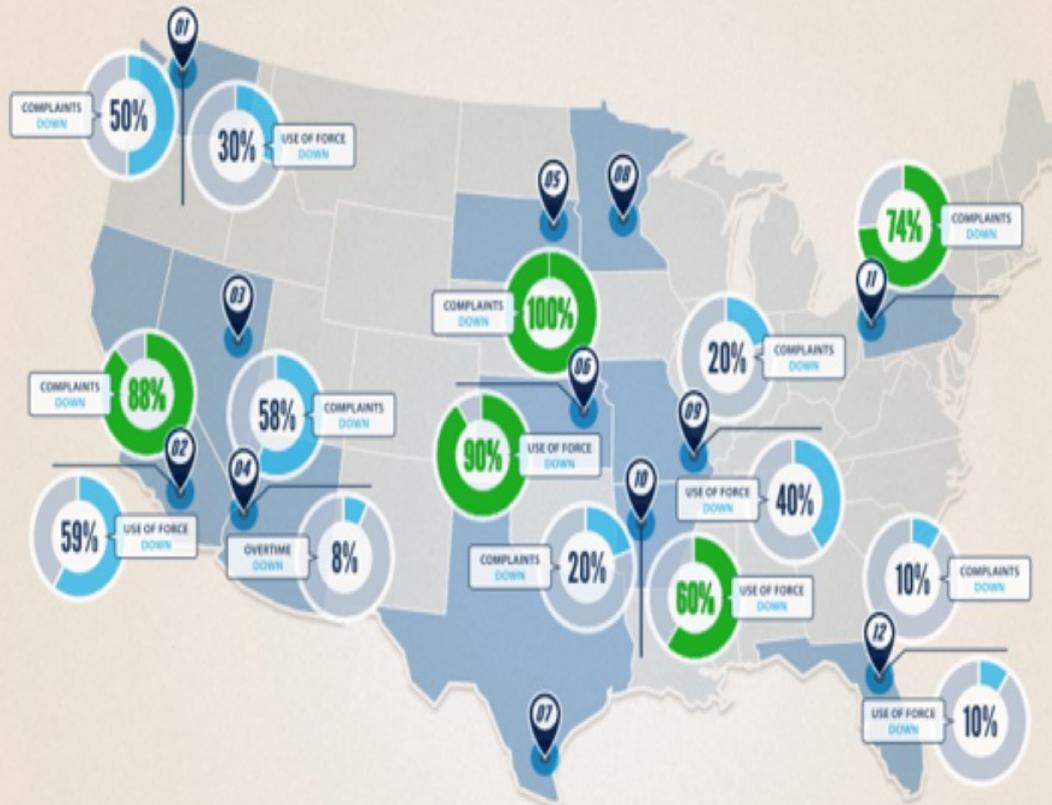
Reduce  
USE OF FORCE



59%

## REDUCTIONS IN USE OF FORCE & COMPLAINTS

AXON flex is a breakthrough point-of-view video system that improves transparency between law enforcement agencies and their communities, while protecting officers from false claims. Officers can mount AXON flex on their eyewear, ball cap, collar, helmet, epaulette, body, or simply on the dash of the cruiser.



### 01 SWINOMISH POLICE DEPARTMENT LACONNER, WA

**BENEFITS**

The Swinomish PD saw a 50% Reduction in Complaints, and a 30% Reduction in Use of Force.

### 02 RIALTO POLICE DEPARTMENT RIALTO, CA

**BENEFITS**

The Rialto PD saw an 88% Reduction in Complaints, and a 59% Reduction in Use of Force.

### 03 ELKO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ELKO COUNTY, NV

**BENEFITS**

"The video and audio of the Axon flex camera system is second to none. The video is clear and distinct. What more could a department ask for?"

### 04 LAKE HAVASU POLICE DEPARTMENT LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ

**BENEFITS**

The Lake Havasu City PD saw a 58% Reduction in Complaints, and an 8% Reduction in Use of Force.

### 05 HURON POLICE DEPARTMENT HURON, SD

**QUOTE**

"Better reports and less court time."

### 06 TONGANOXIE POLICE DEPARTMENT TONGANOXIE, KS

**BENEFITS**

The Tonganoxie PD saw a 100% Reduction in Complaints, and a 90% Reduction in Use of Force.

### 07 ARKANSAS PASS POLICE DEPARTMENT ARKANSAS PASS, TX

**QUOTE**

"We suffered one lawsuit just before deploying these cameras which cost the city over \$127,000. This would have completely been avoided had we had TASER's body worn camera, AXON flex."

### 08 MEEKER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEEKER COUNTY, MN

**QUOTE**

"It serves as an ice breaker for members of the public and improves our spontaneous interactions with them when on patrol."

### 09 SIKESTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SIKESTON, MO

**BENEFITS**

"I ran into an issue within three weeks of storage on our Department/ City server. EVIDENCE.com solved that immediately. Our IT loves EVIDENCE.com for the storage reasons alone."

### 10 MORRILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT MORRILTON, AR

**BENEFITS**

"[The officer] has had it for 2 months and I have not received a single complaint since he started using it. Prior to issuing it to him I received at least 2 complaints per month."

### 11 PITTSBURGH POLICE DEPARTMENT PITTSBURGH, PA

**BENEFITS**

The Pittsburgh PD saw a 74% Reduction in Complaints.

### 12 OWEBO POLICE DEPARTMENT OWEBO, FL

**BENEFITS**

"Officers do not fear going through frivolous complaints, once they are comfortable with their body camera."

# EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- ✓ Manages all digital evidence
- ✓ Cloud-based
- ✓ Improves workflow
- ✓ Replaces current inadequate media storage solution for photos and media files

# Who uses Evidence.com to Secure Their Data?

3,000+ agencies have trusted hundreds of thousands of video recordings, crime scene photos and audio interviews with Evidence.com

London Met Police  
Las Vegas Metro PD  
Albuquerque PD  
New Orleans PD  
Fort Worth PD  
BART  
Modesto PD  
Mesa PD,  
Pittsburgh PD,  
Hartford PD  
Wichita PD  
Johnson CSO  
Daytona Beach PD  
Chino PD  
Mountain View PD  
Barstow PD  
Sebastopol PD  
...to name a few



# Fiscal Impact

	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18	FY 2018/19
Camera System	\$52,299.65	\$52,952.64	\$52,952.64	\$52,952.64	\$52,952.64
Storage	\$68,072.64	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST PER YEAR	\$120,372.29	\$70,952.64	\$70,952.64	\$70,952.64	\$70,952.64
<b>TOTAL COST</b>					<b>\$441,306.83</b>

# Fiscal Impact

- ✓ Total Cost For a Five Year Contract
  - ✓ \$441,306.83
- ✓ Software, hardware and camera updates included in pricing
- ✓ Data Management/ Storage Solution included in pricing

# SLPD Draft Policy

Police Management and Police Officers Association have drafted a policy which includes:

- ✓ Guidelines for use
- ✓ Supervisor Responsibility
- ✓ System management

# QUESTIONS?

