

Broomfield Police Department
Body-Worn Camera – FAQ

Q: What is a body-worn camera?

A: A small, battery-powered camera worn by police officers on their uniform that captures interactions with the public in both audio and video.

Q: Why is the Broomfield Police Department implementing the use of body-worn cameras?

A: The Broomfield Police Department is implementing its program with the intent of creating a greater transparency in its contacts with the public.

Q: Why are officers wearing cameras?

A: The cameras are worn for accountability and to gather evidence of the event that the officer is investigating. That evidence can be very helpful in a criminal case.

Q: What do you mean by accountability?

A: A body camera is an unbiased view of the event and can be replayed if there is a conflict over what happened. Experience has shown that individuals are more cordial when they are aware there is a camera present.

Q: When will officers be recording with their body cameras?

A: Police officers will activate their body camera whenever they respond to a call for service or have citizen contacts where they anticipate taking law enforcement action (criminal investigations, traffic contacts, custodial matters, citizen complaints or concerns). Detention officers will activate their body camera when booking an arrestee, incidents of inmate disruption in the detention facility necessitating enforcement action, as well as any inmate concern or complaint.

Q: Can the officer tamper with the video?

A: No. The system we chose is specifically designed so that the individual officer cannot alter, delete, or change his/her video.

Q: What BWC system is Broomfield using?

A: The Broomfield Police Department will be using Taser's Axon 2 camera system to capture the video and Taser's evidence.com product to manage the video that has been captured. You can view this product at <https://www.axon.com/products/body-2>.

Q: Can I view the videos?

A: That depends. All of the videos collected are covered under the rules of evidence as well as the Colorado Criminal Justice Records Act. Release of the videos is handled by our Records Unit on a case-by-case basis.

Q: What about my privacy?

A: The courts have long held that an individual has no expectation of privacy in a public place. It is also true that if an officer has a legal right to be somewhere he/she can also capture video. This does include private property. Concern for your privacy is also why we carefully guard the release of the captured video.

Q: How do I know if I am being captured on video?

A: The camera worn by officers is clearly visible to the public. If you are talking to an officer who is wearing a video camera, you can assume he/she has activated the video. You may also ask the officer if his/her video is activated.

Q: How many cameras does Broomfield Police have deployed?

A: Every uniformed officer is equipped with a body camera.