

### **Question: How long should the Data be Maintained?**

#### **RPD Summary of Comments**

The general attitude is that the data be maintained for as long as particular standards require (statute of limitation, length of investigation, ongoing prosecution, appeals process, etc) and that the length of retention be public knowledge. (7 comments)

There was also an understanding that data with no evidentiary value (of any type) should be purged quickly. (3 comments)

Other thoughts included gathering policy input from other agencies in and around Monroe County, as well as weighing cost when determining length of storage.

#### **Community Comments Recorded at Meeting**

- There is a desire to retain as much video as possible.
- Want to ensure footage is cataloged properly to be easily accessed for later use.
- Desire for cameras with widest range as possible.
- Suggestion to have retention of video be tied to the statute of limitation of the crime involved in the footage.
- If footage is only retaining for a defined period of time, the City needs to make that information public.
- Use cost as a factor in determining length of storage
- Could video be kept forever?
- No need to keep video if no activity exists on footage
- We should reach out to other agencies in Monroe County and NYS to see what their policies are
- Keep data long enough to deal with lawsuits, arrests, etc.
- Discretion over data retention should not be left up to the police officer
- Felonies – need evidence for 5 years; claims against the city – 6 months
- Need to conduct a public education campaign once cameras are implemented
- **Question:** “What about cold cases?” How long will video information be retained?”
- Maintain all video information until statute of limitation on these cases, criminal, civic and cold cases, run out or is exhausted.
- Camera should be left on for 24-hours. But if there isn’t any criminal activity then the information should not be maintained.
- Information should be retained for at least one year, regardless of the activity. The reason for this is just in case the information needs to be re-reviewed because something surrounding this particular incident may have been captured on the Police Officer’s camera and can help resolve the issue or case.
- Maintain information that’s cost effective. All the information doesn’t need to be kept more than 30 to 90 days.
- The Data should be kept if there’s a crime or felony until that case has been heard and closed; and even if a case hasn’t been solved or resolved.
- Cost should not be a limiting or prohibitive factor to ensure that the information is stored safely & accessible to everyone, including concerned citizens or victims.