

Miscellaneous Community Comments

- What is the shelf life of the batteries? How can we ensure that batteries stay charged for the duration of shifts?
- Should this data be available for civil proceedings?
- Data storage recommendations :
- Recommendation – 5 years of storage on all data
- Another recommendation – keep data in accordance with statute of limitations
- keep it as long as a citizen has a right to file a complaint
- Allow citizen groups/researches to openly use the data to identify issues such as racial profiling
- Concerns about administrative costs:
 - Need people to analyze and tag data
 - Need people to hold officers accountable for properly handling the data
- Need consequences for officers who intentionally mishandle the data
- Desire to have dash cams in addition to body cameras
 - Redundancy will allow for different angles on the same incident
- WHAT IS THE EVALUATION PROCESS?
 - What will the composition of the evaluation team be demographically?
 - What will and how will it shared?
 - What will be the community points of engagement?
 - There should be no critical conversations without citizen input.
 - On what time frame and how consistently will evaluations be presented?
 - Will RIT evaluation be direct to community, or filtered?
- Increases in Citizen Complaint Handling
 - Cameras are likely to cause an increase in citizen civility complaints against RPD
 - Including but not limited to violations as
 - Administrative Interference
 - Resisting Arrest
 - Harassment of an officer
 - Nuisance infractions (Bicycle, jay-walking, etc).
- Best Practices/Benchmarking
 - Which were first 5 cities to implement body cameras, and what lessons can be learned?
 - How will cameras be upgraded/maintained and how funded?
 - Why jumping past dash cameras to body cameras?
 - When cameras are partially deployed, can one officer with camera be dispatched?
 - What is the citizen cell phone recording policy and how will it be effected by body cameras?
- Theme: Preventing conflict before it occurs
 - PD and community culture needed to open cooperation and communication
 - PD workforce should more accurately reflect population of the community
 - City residency should be required of PD (State law was briefly explained)
 - Court Order Consent Decree briefly explained by the Chief
 - Relationships need to be strengthened to build trust.
 - Community Oversight explained by Frank Liberti. Director Police/Community Relations Programs
- There is a need to develop a mandatory, easy to understand policy for camera usage along with direct consequences for Officers who violate said policy.

- Negotiation with the Police Union should include consequences of violation including;
 - ✓ Suspension without pay
 - ✓ Suspension with pay, with penalty (salary pay back) if found to be in violation
 - ✓ Denial of future promotion
- There should be an automatic investigation whenever there is an incident and adherence to camera policy is in question
- Citizens expressed concern that there might be a presumption of guilt affecting officers, that “This is America” but also there is a perception that the “brotherhood” of police officers could sway decision making. These items should be addressed as the policy is developed.
- The period of time from when the cameras are introduced to when wearing them becomes “second nature” needs to be addressed in the policy (learning curve).
- “best practices” should be established and followed. They should be listed in the policy and known by all officers and the public.
- Other Items:
 - Technology issues; what do the cameras see versus what humans see? (peripheral vision, depth of field of vision, etc)
 - Camera footage will only provide part of the story. Witness accounts and officers reports will still be part of the record.
 - How will camera footage be received by Judges ? Will it be considered evidence? Will it be admissible?
 - Will the cameras have to be on during Miranda rights?
- Citizens would like a report on how the input from these public meetings will be used to determine policy.