



# Public Input Meeting Police Body Worn Cameras

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City of Rochester, NY  
Lovely A. Warren, Mayor  
Rochester City Council



# Why Body Worn Cameras?

- **Mayor Warren's public safety priorities**
  - Reorganize the Rochester Police Department
  - Implement Body Worn Cameras (BWC)
- **Benefits of Body Worn Cameras**
  - Increase Transparency
  - Provide Additional Evidence
- **Limitations of Body Worn Cameras**
  - Technology
  - Court Requirements
  - Privacy



## Where We've Been

- Jan. 2014: Research begins
- Dec. 2014: City announces plan for BWC
- April 2015: City Council survey (87% support BWC)
- June 2015: City Council approves funding (\$2M)
- July 2015: RPD issues RFP for vendor
- July 2015: RPD applies for USDOT grant
- Aug. 2015: Vendor Evaluation Begins
- Sept. 2015: Field testing of technology
- Sept. 2015: RPD awarded \$600K from USDOT



## Next Steps

- **Community Input & Stakeholder Meetings**
- **Develop the Policy**
  - Legal guidelines
  - Best practices and model policies
  - Community input
  - Officer input
- **Request City Council Approval to Receive Grant**
- **Select a Vendor**
- **Install the Technology**



## Next Steps

- Police Training
- Community Education
- Phased Deployment Begins by July 2016



## USDOJ Grant

- Grant conditions will impact technology, policies and deployment.
- Evaluation of the program.
  - Condition of the grant.
  - RIT to measure effectiveness of BWC program





## Project Needs

- Policy that fits within the limitations.
- Understanding of limitations of the technology and the recorded data.
- Acceptable solutions to key policy questions.



# Agenda

- 6:00 to 6:30 pm - Greetings and Presentation
- 6:60 to 7:15 pm - Breakout Sessions at Tables
- 7:15 to 7:30 pm - Facilitators Report





## Table Topics

### 1. When will the camera be on or off?

Consider: Enforcement interaction; non-enforcement interactions; business checks; community meetings; storage limitations and budget

### 2. Can citizens opt out of being recorded?

Consider: Victims of sexual assault; citizens reporting crimes; private residences

### 3. Who can see the camera's data?

Consider: Prosecutors; defense attorneys; neighbors; mediators; police officers; freedom of information laws



## Table Topics

### **4. How long will the data be maintained?**

Consider: Statutes of limitations; on-going prosecutions; storage limitations and costs

### **5. Miscellaneous**

Citizens can discuss topics not anticipated.

### **6. Display Table with possible cameras**

Different cameras have different capabilities in terms of data storage and management, which will influence the policy considerations.



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# Community Input Sessions

- **Nov. 16**    **Thomas P. Ryan R-Center**  
530 Webster Ave. (Goodman Section)
- **Nov. 23**    **Edgerton R-Center**  
41 Backus St. (Lake Section)
- **Nov. 30**    **Danforth Community Center**  
200 West Ave. (Genesee Section)
- **Dec. 3**      **David F. Gantt R- Center**  
700 North St. (Clinton Section)

<http://www.cityofrochester.gov/RPDBodyWornCamera>