

BODY WORN CAMERA

Body Worn Cameras have shown to help strengthen accountability and transparency, and can assist in de-escalating conflicts, resulting in more constructive encounters between the police and members of the community. Cameras provide additional documentation of police/public encounters and may be an important tool for collecting evidence and maintaining public trust.

The Eureka Police Department implemented the use of Body Worn Cameras in early 2016 and has found them extremely beneficial as a resource for personnel. Officers balance the need to record events and preserve evidence with privacy rights of crime victims. Not all events are recorded and body worn camera footage is not a matter of public record outside of specific legal requirements.

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