



BODY-WORN CAMERAS ASSIST OFFICERS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

CAPTURE EVIDENCE, DETER AGGRESSION AND DE-ESCALATE PUBLIC INTERACTIONS DURING THE CURRENT PANDEMIC.

CHALLENGE

Law enforcement officers around the world are risking COVID-19 infection on a daily basis as they assist citizens in need, ensure adherence to laws, and now, enforce quarantine regulations that would have been unthinkable only months ago. The overwhelming response from the public has been positive, but a small portion has been uncooperative or aggressive when interacting with officers. Cases of citizens deliberately coughing on police officers - either to protest, or to intimidate - have been recorded in the United States, the United Kingdom and beyond. In this environment, law enforcement agencies have a duty of care to protect the safety and wellness of their staff, and ensure those who assault them and their fellow citizens are prosecuted accurately and efficiently.

SOLUTION

Your goal is to ensure the safety of your teams while they're doing what they do best — protecting the communities they serve. Motorola Solutions is committed to aligning to your goals by innovating solutions designed to protect people and communities, including looking at the existing technology we have in the market that can help protect law enforcement officers during the current healthcare challenge.

The Motorola Solutions WatchGuard V300 body-worn camera plays a key role in assisting officers during public interactions by deterring citizen aggression, de-escalating potentially volatile situations, and capturing the indisputable evidence needed for protection against false claims and the advancement of the judicial process.

The first aim of an officer called to a public encounter is identifying and removing potential threats to anyone at the scene, which includes reducing the likelihood of the encounter escalating and introducing new threats. The very presence of a body-worn camera in such encounters has been shown to have a definite positive effect on citizens' behavior. The National Institute of Justice [reports](#) that "Citizens often change their behavior toward officers when they are informed that the encounter is being recorded." The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology [presents](#) a self-awareness theory that could further explain the NIJ report, suggesting that "people are more likely to align their behavior with personal standards when made self-aware and believe that they will be negatively affected if they do not live up to these standards." Both record the "civilizing effect" body-worn cameras have on citizens during interactions with police officers.

The V300 body-worn camera is typically worn by officers high on the chest over a shirt pocket, or center-chest over the shirt placket. These mounting positions not only provide an exceptional point-of-view for recording, they make the camera intentionally visible to anyone facing the officer. The officer activates a recording with a one-button press on the front of the device, an action that may have been preceded by a verbal announcement from the officer. A forward-facing red LED light illuminates, alerting the officer and citizen that a recording has been initiated and is in progress.



Motorola Solutions proudly manufactures and deploys the sophisticated, cutting-edge communications, software, video security and analytics technologies that keep communities and nations safe. We have been on the frontlines with federal, state and local governments, including in times of crisis, for over 90 years. Today, our 17,000 innovators, engineers and manufacturing specialists are eager to help address critical gaps in the availability of medical and health management technology needed to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. We are pleased to apply these innovations to our fixed video security and analytics solutions to deliver greater intelligence and stronger detection capabilities to help curb the spread of this virus.

MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS STANDS READY TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY IN THIS **MOMENT THAT MATTERS.**

When that “civilizing effect” isn’t sufficient to prevent escalation, the body-worn camera is there to capture objective, unbiased evidence of an officer’s interactions with the public, filling in any gaps in information that are ever-present when an officer’s actions are questioned. During the current pandemic, body-worn camera footage has been instrumental in bringing to justice those who deliberately tried to infect police officers - with recent well-publicized examples in [Volusia County Florida](#), [Ponca City, Oklahoma](#) and [Northumberland, England](#). Absence of body camera footage in these instances may have reduced the seriousness of the offense - a terroristic hoax charge in Ponca City - and negatively impacted the reputation of the arresting officer if the report was challenged.

Once officers are equipped with body-worn cameras, two fail safes within the system should be activated by the agency to ensure critical recordings aren’t missed. The V300 camera can be configured to work seamlessly with a Motorola Solutions WatchGuard 4RE in-car video system, creating a single system that captures video of an incident from multiple vantage points. This is accomplished by each camera knowing the recording status of the other while in a group recording network. When responding to a call, activation of the patrol car light bar can trigger the in-car video system to begin recording. The V300 body camera senses the change in recording status of the in-car system and begins its own recording. The officer arrives on the scene with the body camera (and in-car system) already recording, ensuring the incident is captured. Video streams from the body camera and

in-car system are precisely synchronized to one another. When processing evidence post-incident, the synchronized video streams are automatically linked in the evidence management system, reducing the chance that a video from the incident will be missed by an evidence technician manually linking the videos, risking case dismissal in court. Synchronized video also serves as a powerful tool for prosecutors, allowing easy recreation of the scene during playback, selecting video and audio from individual cameras.

In some cases, a public encounter can suddenly escalate into a serious incident and the officer is unable to initiate a recording on the body camera until the immediate threat is contained. The opportunity to capture that vital piece of evidence is thought to be lost. With system administrator activation, the V300 can utilize patented Record-After-the-Fact technology that provides the agency with the ability to go back in time and capture video from an event days after it happened, even when the record button was never pressed. Record-After-the-Fact [technology has been used](#) to retrieve evidence critical to the exoneration of many officers and agencies, including three Des Moines Police Department officers in a 2017 fatal shooting incident.

Since the advent of COVID-19, society is learning to interact in new and different ways. Motorola Solutions remains committed and aligned to the goals of law enforcement as they discover and implement ways to police in this new environment, keeping officer safety and wellness at the forefront.

