

Body Worn Camera Supplement (BWCS) to the Law Enforcement Management and Administrative Statistics (LEMAS) Survey

Introductory information

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), in partnership with RTI International, is conducting a survey about the use of body-worn cameras. The Body Worn Camera Supplement (BWCS) to the Law Enforcement Management and Administrative Statistics (LEMAS) Survey includes items that are relevant to all law enforcement agencies – regardless of whether your agency has acquired or has considered acquiring these cameras.

The BWCS seeks additional information that has not been fully captured by other recent surveys examining use of body-worn cameras by law enforcement agencies. The survey examines reasons for acquiring cameras (or not), alternate means of documenting officer-citizen interactions, policies and procedures about camera use and handling of the resulting video files, and obstacles to camera acquisition and use.

Please complete this survey even if your agency does not currently have body-worn cameras.

This survey should be filled out by your law enforcement agency's chief executive or another individual who is most knowledgeable about your agency's plans or experiences with body-worn cameras.

The survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

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Agency Information

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Please provide or update your agency's information below, as necessary. Contact information will only be used if needed to follow-up on survey submission.

Agency name _____

Agency 9-digit ORI number used for reporting purposes _____

Type of Agency: Local Police, County Police, Sheriff's Office, Primary State,
Other- OPEN ENDED RESPONSE, NO VALIDATION

Primary contact name _____

Primary contact rank/title _____

Primary contact email _____

Primary contact phone _____

Approximate number of full-time sworn officers with general arrest powers

Check here if you want to designate a new point of contact for future LEMAS
surveys: [CHECK BOX]

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1) Updated contact name _____

2) Updated contact rank/title _____

3) Updated contact email _____

4) Updated contact phone _____

Officer/Citizen Interaction

Records of Officer/Citizen Interaction

First, we would like to know about how your agency collects information about officer-citizen interactions. If you are unsure of the correct response to any question, please provide your best guess or estimate.

- 5) Has your agency acquired any of the following tools to record officer-citizen interactions? *Please select one response for each tool.*

	Agency has acquired in any form (including testing)	Agency has not acquired
Body-worn cameras	☐	☐
Car dashboard cameras	☐	☐
Personal audio recorders	☐	☐
Other event-recording equipment	☐	☐

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- 6) What other event-recording equipment does your agency use?

☐ OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- TEXT VALIDATION

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Body-worn Cameras

The next set of questions ask about your agency's experience with body-worn cameras. If you are unsure of the correct response to any question, please provide your best guess or estimate.

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- 7) When did your agency first get body-worn cameras? *Provide estimate if exact month and year are unknown.*

SELECT MONTH: SELECT YEAR:

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- 8) About how many body-worn cameras are currently in service?

☐ Open ended response, numeric response validation

- 9) This number is an:

☐ Estimate

☐ Actual count of deployed devices

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- 10) How would you describe the current state of body-worn camera deployment in your agency?

☐ Exploratory/pilot deployment

☐ Partial deployment

☐ Complete deployment for some assignments / partial deployment in others

- ☐ Full deployment to all intended personnel
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

11) Do you plan to deploy additional body-worn cameras in the next 12 months?

- ☐ Yes- Please specify the anticipated number of BWCs that will be purchased
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

Logic: Hidden unless: Question "Body-worn cameras" is one of the following answers ("Agency has acquired") AND "Level of deployment is one of the following answers ("Limited deployment / exploratory", "Partial deployment", "Complete deployment for some assignments / partial deployment in others")

12) What has prevented a full deployment of body-worn cameras?

Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Insufficient funding
- ☐ Lack of data storage capacity
- ☐ Lack of staff to handle video footage resulting from BWC
- ☐ Benefits remain unclear
- ☐ Lack of officer support
- ☐ Lack of union support
- ☐ Lack of supervisory or leadership support
- ☐ Insufficient time to complete deployment
- ☐ Inability to acquire sufficient hardware
- ☐ Currently vetting vendor offerings
- ☐ Technological challenges (e.g. limited upload bandwidth)
- ☐ Unresolved legal or policy issues
- ☐ Other- (Please Specify) *OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NO VALIDATION*
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

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13) Why did your agency get body-worn camera(s)?

Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Improve officer safety
- ☐ Improve training
- ☐ Improve officer professionalism
- ☐ Improve officer/agency accountability
- ☐ Improve evidence quality
- ☐ Improve community perceptions of the agency
- ☐ Reduce agency liability
- ☐ Reduce use of force incidents
- ☐ Reduce or more quickly resolve citizen complaints
- ☐ Simplify incident review
- ☐ Strengthen police leadership
- ☐ Make cases more prosecutable
- ☐ To receive funding that required purchase of body-worn cameras
- ☐ Response to external pressures (e.g. legislative, judicial or executive mandate from outside of the police agency)
- ☐ Conduct a pilot test to determine body-worn camera feasibility and utility
- ☐ Other- (Please Specify) *OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NO VALIDATION*
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

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Please check all that apply.

14) Which of these was the most important reason for acquiring body-worn cameras?

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The next set of questions ask about your agency's policies surrounding the transfer, storage, and disposal of video files resulting from body-worn cameras. If you are unsure of the correct response to any question, please provide your best guess or estimate.

15) Does your agency have a formal policy on the use of body-worn cameras or the video footage recorded by those cameras?

☐ Yes

☐ Under development / Policy is in draft form

☐ No

☐ Unsure / Don't know

16) Were any published guidelines from independent sources (such as the NIJ, BJA, PERF, IACP, CALEA, etc.) used in the formulation of policies and procedures regarding body-worn camera deployment, use, or video storage?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure / Don't know

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17) **Select all the topics covered by your agency's body-worn camera (or related) policy.**

	Yes	No	Unsure
What events to record			
When/how to inform citizens they are being recorded			
Transfer, storage, or disposal of video			
Frequency of uploading or offloading video			
Officers are allowed to review footage before making a formal statement			
Periodic/routine supervisor review of footage			
Public release of raw (unredacted) video footage			
Content/objects that must be redacted			

18) **Does your agency use BWC footage to inform and/or develop in-service training?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure / Don't know

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19) **In what situations are officers required to turn on their body-worn cameras?**

Please check all that apply.

☐ Responding to routine calls for service

☐ Traffic stops

☐ Officer-initiated citizen contact

☐ Firearms deployments

☐ Public order policing

☐ Policing public events

☐ Criminal investigations

☐ Special operations

☐ Executing arrest or search warrants

☐ Transporting offenders

☐ Other- (Please Specify) *OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NO VALIDATION*

☐ Unsure / Don't know

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20) Per policy, how long must typical video files be retained?

- ☐ Files are not stored unless manually flagged
- ☐ 30 days or less
- ☐ 1 month up to one year
- ☐ More than 1 year and up to 5 years
- ☐ More than 5 years
- ☐ Indefinitely
- ☐ Other- (Please Specify) *OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NO VALIDATION*
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

21) Under what circumstances would video files be retained for a longer periods of time?

Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Associated with officer use of force
- ☐ Associated with a citizen complaint
- ☐ Used as evidence in a legal proceeding
- ☐ Officer request
- ☐ At the request of supervisor or agency management
- ☐ FOIA or other public access request
- ☐ Other- (Please Specify) *OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NO VALIDATION*
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

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Logic: Hidden unless: Question "Body-worn cameras" is one of the following answers ("Agency has acquired")

22) **Have body-worn cameras been deployed to officers assigned to any of the following duties?**

Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Traditional patrol / vehicle-based patrols
- ☐ Primarily proactive / self-initiated public contacts
- ☐ Foot patrols
- ☐ Bicycle patrols
- ☐ Motorcycle patrols
- ☐ Traffic enforcement
- ☐ Warrant executions
- ☐ Criminal investigations
- ☐ Drug enforcement
- ☐ Detention and transfers
- ☐ SWAT operations
- ☐ N/A - Our agency has acquired officer worn cameras, but has not begun using them yet.
- ☐ Other (*Please specify*): OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NO VALIDATION
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

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Logic: Hidden unless: (Question "Body-worn cameras" is one of the following answers ("Agency has acquired") AND Question "Do any officers assigned to the duties described below wear body cameras on a regular basis?

Please check all that apply." #26 is one of the following answers ("traditional patrol / vehicle-based patrol "))

23) **What best describes the deployment of body-worn cameras for officers primarily engaged in traditional patrol / vehicle-based patrol?**

- ☐ Exploratory/pilot deployment
- ☐ Partial deployment
- ☐ Complete deployment for some assignments / partial deployment in others
- ☐ Full deployment to all intended personnel
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

Logic: Hidden unless: (Question "Body-worn cameras" is one of the following answers ("Agency has acquired") AND Question "Do any officers assigned to the duties described below wear body cameras on a regular basis?)

Please check all that apply. #26 is one of the following answers ("proactive / self-initiated public contacts"))

24) What best describes the deployment of body-worn cameras for officers primarily engaged in primarily proactive/ self-initiated public contacts?

- ☐ Exploratory/pilot deployment
- ☐ Partial deployment
- ☐ Complete deployment for some assignments / partial deployment in others
- ☐ Full deployment to all intended personnel
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

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Please check all that apply. #26 is one of the following answers ("foot patrols"))

25) What best describes the deployment of body-worn cameras for officers primarily engaged in foot patrols?

- ☐ Exploratory/pilot deployment
- ☐ Partial deployment
- ☐ Complete deployment for some assignments / partial deployment in others
- ☐ Full deployment to all intended personnel
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

Logic: Hidden unless: (Question "Body-worn cameras" is one of the following answers ("Agency has acquired") AND Question "Do any officers assigned to the duties described below wear body cameras on a regular basis?

***Please check all that apply."* #26 is one of the following answers ("bicycle patrols"))**

26) What best describes the deployment of body-worn cameras for officers primarily engaged in bicycle patrols?

- ☐ Exploratory/pilot deployment
- ☐ Partial deployment
- ☐ Complete deployment for some assignments / partial deployment in others
- ☐ Full deployment to all intended personnel
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

Logic: Hidden unless: (Question "Body-worn cameras" is one of the following answers ("Agency has acquired") AND Question "Do any officers assigned to the duties described below wear body cameras on a regular basis?

***Please check all that apply."* #26 is one of the following answers ("Motorcycle patrols"))**

27) What best describes the deployment of body-worn cameras for officers primarily engaged in motorcycle patrols?

- ☐ Exploratory/pilot deployment
- ☐ Partial deployment
- ☐ Complete deployment for some assignments / partial deployment in others
- ☐ Full deployment to all intended personnel
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

Logic: Hidden unless: (Question "Body-worn cameras" is one of the following answers ("Agency has acquired") AND Question "Do any officers assigned to the duties described below wear body cameras on a regular basis?

***Please check all that apply."* #26 is one of the following answers ("traffic enforcement"))**

28) What best describes the deployment of body-worn cameras for officers primarily engaged in traffic enforcement?

- ☐ Exploratory/pilot deployment
- ☐ Partial deployment
- ☐ Complete deployment for some assignments / partial deployment in others
- ☐ Full deployment to all intended personnel
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

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***Please check all that apply."* #26 is one of the following answers ("Warrant executions"))**

29) What best describes the deployment of body-worn cameras for officers primarily engaged in warrant executions?

- ☐ Exploratory/pilot deployment
- ☐ Partial deployment
- ☐ Complete deployment for some assignments / partial deployment in others
- ☐ Full deployment to all intended personnel
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

Logic: Hidden unless: (Question "Body-worn cameras" is one of the following answers ("Agency has acquired") AND Question "Do any officers assigned to the duties described below wear body cameras on a regular basis?

***Please check all that apply."* #26 is one of the following answers ("Criminal investigations"))**

30) What best describes the deployment of body-worn cameras for officers primarily engaged in criminal investigations?

- ☐ Exploratory/pilot deployment
- ☐ Partial deployment
- ☐ Complete deployment for some assignments / partial deployment in others
- ☐ Full deployment to all intended personnel

☐ Unsure / Don't know

Logic: Hidden unless: (Question "Body-worn cameras" is one of the following answers ("Agency has acquired") AND Question "Do any officers assigned to the duties described below wear body cameras on a regular basis?

***Please check all that apply."* #26 is one of the following answers ("Special operations, such as drug trafficking"))**

31) What best describes the deployment of body-worn cameras for officers primarily engaged in drug enforcement?

☐ Exploratory/pilot deployment

☐ Partial deployment

☐ Complete deployment for some assignments / partial deployment in others

☐ Full deployment to all intended personnel

☐ Unsure / Don't know

Logic: Hidden unless: (Question "Body-worn cameras" is one of the following answers ("Agency has acquired") AND Question "Do any officers assigned to the duties described below wear body cameras on a regular basis?

***Please check all that apply."* #26 is one of the following answers ("Detention and transfers"))**

32) What best describes the deployment of body-worn cameras for officers primarily engaged in detentions and transfers?

☐ Exploratory/pilot deployment

☐ Partial deployment

☐ Complete deployment for some assignments / partial deployment in others

☐ Full deployment to all intended personnel

☐ Unsure / Don't know

Logic: Hidden unless: (Question "Body-worn cameras" is one of the following answers ("Agency has acquired") AND Question "Do any officers assigned to the duties described below wear body cameras on a regular basis?

***Please check all that apply."* #26 is one of the following answers ("SWAT"))**

33) What best describes the deployment of body-worn cameras for officers primarily engaged in SWAT operations?

- ☐ Exploratory/pilot deployment
 - ☐ Partial deployment
 - ☐ Complete deployment for some assignments / partial deployment in others
 - ☐ Full deployment to all intended personnel
 - ☐ Unsure / Don't know
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Logic: Hidden unless: Question "Body-worn cameras" is one of the following answers ("Agency has acquired")

34) Select all the features present on your body-worn camera system?

Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Time / date stamp
 - ☐ Variable camera placement (e.g. eyewear, lapel, other part of uniform)
 - ☐ Pre-event video buffer (e.g. the device continuously records video which is saved when the device is activated)
 - ☐ Capable of recording in low light conditions
 - ☐ Playback screen
 - ☐ Minimum battery life (*Please specify hours*) OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NUMERIC VALIDATION
 - ☐ Global Positioning System (GPS) information
 - ☐ Safeguards against inadvertent video file corruption, loss, or tampering
 - ☐ Officer down alerts
 - ☐ Officer event tagging
 - ☐ Flexible placement (e.g. lapel mount, chest mount, glasses mount)
 - ☐ Other (*Please specify*): OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NO VALIDATION
 - ☐ Unsure / Don't know
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35) Indicate your degree of agreement with the following statements:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know	Too soon to know
Implementation was more expensive than anticipated						
Implementation required more staff time than anticipated						
BWCs provide reliable evidence of officer-citizen interactions						
BWCs have been useful in protecting officers from unwarranted complaints						
BWCs have been a useful tool for supervising officers						
BWCs have improved professionalism of officers						
BWCs have helped identify instances of officer misconduct that might not have been identified without them						
BWCs have improved relationships between the agency and the community						

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Logic: Hidden unless: (Question "Body-worn cameras" is one of the following answers ("Agency has acquired"))

The next set of questions ask about your agency's experience and procedures around the use and dissemination of videos produced by body-worn cameras.

36) Does your agency keep a log of or otherwise track internal (i.e., law enforcement agency staff) access to video files?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure / Don't know

37) Who has direct access to view video files? In other words, who can access the files without filing a formal request?

Please check all that apply

☐ Chief executive of law enforcement agency

☐ Executive staff of law enforcement agency

☐ Internal affairs

☐ Head of information technology group in the law enforcement agency

☐ Other information technology staff in the law enforcement agency

☐ Officer that made the video recording

☐ Supervisor of officer that made the video recording

☐ Other sworn law enforcement agency staff

☐ Other non-sworn law enforcement agency staff

☐ District attorney's office

☐ Vendor staff

☐ Other (*Please specify*): OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NO VALIDATION

☐ None of the above

☐ Unsure / Don't know

38) On average, how many times per month does the public request video generated by body-worn cameras?

☐ 0 requests

- ☐ 1 – 5 requests
- ☐ 6 – 10 requests
- ☐ 11 – 15 requests
- ☐ 16 or more requests
- ☐ Public has never requested video generated by BWC
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

Logic: Hidden unless: (Question "On average, how many times per month..." answers greater than 0)

39) On average, how much staff time does it take to produce a video requested by the public? This should be actual staff time needed to conduct retrieval, redaction, and dissemination, not necessarily the amount of time between video request and video dissemination.

- ☐ Less than 60 minutes
- ☐ 1-2 hours
- ☐ 3-4 hours
- ☐ 5-6 hours
- ☐ 7-8 hours
- ☐ More than 9 hours
- ☐ Public has never requested video generated by BWC
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

40) Has your agency ever denied the public's access to body-worn camera footage?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Public has never requested video generated by BWC
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

Logic: Hidden unless: (Question "Has your agency ever denied..." is "yes")

41) Under what conditions have video requests from the public been denied?

- ☐ The video was part of an ongoing investigation

- ☐ The video would have deprived a person of their right to a fair trial
- ☐ The video constituted an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- ☐ The video risked identifying confidential sources
- ☐ The video revealed techniques and procedures for investigations that could be used to circumvent the law
- ☐ The video would have endangered the life or safety of an individual
- ☐ Other (please specify): *OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NO VALIDATION*
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

42) What obstacles have your agency encountered in using cameras or the associated video?

Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Concerns about the security of the information contained in the videos
- ☐ Concerns about procedures surrounding storage of the videos
- ☐ Concerns about privacy
- ☐ Concerns about liability
- ☐ Costs were greater than anticipated
- ☐ Burden of replying to public/agency requests for video data
- ☐ Lack of public support
- ☐ Lack of officer support
- ☐ Lack of support from labor union or other group representing officers
- ☐ Cameras use has not benefitted the agency as expected
- ☐ Technical obstacles to implementation (e.g., poor video or sound quality)
- ☐ Other (*Please specify*) : *OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NO VALIDATION*
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

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Please check all that apply. " #50) AND Question "Body-worn cameras" is one of the following answers ("Agency has acquired")) AND ((((((((((Question "What obstacles has

your agency or your officers encountered in using cameras or the associated video?

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Please check all that apply. " #50 is not exactly equal to ("Concerns about procedures surrounding storage of the videos, including storage capacity")) AND Question "What obstacles has your agency or your officers encountered in using cameras or the associated video?

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Please check all that apply. " #50 is not exactly equal to ("Costs to maintain and use the cameras are greater than anticipated")) AND Question "What obstacles has your agency or your officers encountered in using cameras or the associated video?

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Please check all that apply. " #50 is not exactly equal to ("Lack of support from labor union or other group representing officers")) AND Question "What obstacles has your agency or your officers encountered in using cameras or the associated video?

Please check all that apply. " #50 is not exactly equal to ("Other (Please specify) "))) AND (((((((Question "What obstacles has your agency or your officers encountered in using

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Piping: Piped Values From Question 50. (What obstacles has your agency or your officers encountered in using cameras or the associated video?

Please check all that apply.)

43) Of these, which is the greatest obstacle you have encountered?

Page entry logic: This page will show when: Question "Has your agency acquired any of the following tools to record officer-citizen interactions (select one response for each tool)?: Body-worn cameras" is ("Agency has not acquired")

Body-worn Cameras

We are interested in your agency's plans to acquire or experience considering body-worn cameras.

44) What are the primary reasons that your agency has not acquired any body-worn cameras?

Please check all that apply.

- ☐ No perceived need for the technology
- ☐ Lack of community support
- ☐ Lack of support from agency leadership
- ☐ Lack of support from patrol officers
- ☐ Cost of hardware
- ☐ Cost of training
- ☐ Cost of ongoing maintenance/support
- ☐ Costs of video storage and/or disposal
- ☐ Costs of managing public records request and/or video redaction
- ☐ Privacy concerns
- ☐ Liability concerns
- ☐ Likelihood of technical difficulties with camera operation
- ☐ Obstacles associated with transfer and storage of videos
- ☐ Other (*Please specify*) : OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NO VALIDATION
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

45) **How likely are you to consider acquiring body-worn cameras in the next year?**

- ☐ Very likely
- ☐ Likely
- ☐ Unlikely
- ☐ Very unlikely
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

46) **What factors will determine whether you explore body-worn cameras in the next year?**

Please check all that apply

- ☐ Public expectations
- ☐ Leadership directives
- ☐ Initial acquisition costs
- ☐ Ongoing maintenance costs
- ☐ Privacy concerns
- ☐ Liability concerns
- ☐ Support from agency leadership
- ☐ Support from patrol officers
- ☐ Communication or relationship with vendor(s)
- ☐ Other similar or nearby jurisdictions acquiring BWC
- ☐ Other (Please *specify*): *OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NO VALIDATION*
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

Logic: Hidden unless: (Question "likely to explore acquiring" is one of the following answers ("Very likely") or ("Likely"))

47) **When do you anticipate acquiring body-worn cameras?**

- ☐ Within the next 3 months
- ☐ 4 – 6 months
- ☐ 7 – 12 months
- ☐ More than 12 months

- ☐ No anticipated date
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

48) How supportive do you think patrol officers would be if your agency implemented body-worn cameras?

- ☐ Very supportive
- ☐ Somewhat supportive
- ☐ Not supportive
- ☐ Officers would likely not have a reaction one way or the other
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

49) How supportive do you think the community would be if your agency implemented body-worn cameras?

- ☐ Very supportive
- ☐ Somewhat supportive
- ☐ Not supportive
- ☐ Community would likely not have a reaction one way or the other
- ☐ Unsure / Don't know

Page entry logic: This page will show for all users.

50) Does your agency formally document and store civilian complaints against sworn officers in paper or electronic format?

- ☐ Yes- Electronic only
- ☐ Yes- Paper only
- ☐ Yes- Both paper and electronic records
- ☐ No- Agency does not document and store civilian complaints

Logic: Hidden unless: (Question "agency document complaints" is one of the following answers ("Yes"))

51) Are these paper or electronic civilian complaint records easily retrievable?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Logic: Hidden unless: (Question "easily retrievable" is one of the following answers ("Yes"))

52) **How many formal civilian complaints against sworn officers were received in 2015?**

[] *OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NUMERIC VALIDATION*

53) **Of the civilian complaints identified in question 53, how many involved at least one allegation of excessive use of physical force?**

[] *OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NUMERIC VALIDATION*

54) **For the civilian complaints reporting excessive use of physical force, what was the total number allegations related to excessive use of physical force?** There may be more than one allegation per complaint.

[] *OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NUMERIC VALIDATION*

55) **For the allegations identified in question 54, how many were:**

a. **Unfounded** (the complaint was not based on facts, or reported incident did not occur)

[] *OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NUMERIC VALIDATION*

b. **Exonerated** (The incident occurred, but officer action was deemed lawful and proper)

[] *OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NUMERIC VALIDATION*

c. **Not sustained** (Insufficient evidence to prove the allegation)

[] *OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NUMERIC VALIDATION*

d. **Sustained** (Sufficient evidence to justify disciplinary action against the officer(s))

[] *OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NUMERIC VALIDATION*

e. **Pending** (Final disposition of the allegation has not been made)

[] *OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NUMERIC VALIDATION*

f. **Other disposition** (e.g., withdrawn)

[] *OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NUMERIC VALIDATION*

g. **Total use of force allegations** (sum of lines a through f)

[] *OPEN ENDED RESPONSE- NUMERIC VALIDATION. (Sum of lines 'a' through 'f', should also equal number provided in question 54)*

Thank You!

Thank you for participating in this survey. BJS and RTI will be analyzing and disseminating information on body-worn cameras in the coming months. If you have any questions about this survey, please contact RTI Data Collection Manager Alissa Chambers at 919-541-6340 or lemas.bwc@rti.org. Information on all of BJS's law enforcement data collection and dissemination activities can be found at www.bjs.gov.
