



Body-worn cameras for RCMP officers

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) is committed to ensuring that Canadians feel protected by, and have trust in their national police force. Body-worn cameras can help to increase the trust between police and the communities they serve.



- A nation-wide rollout of body-worn cameras to frontline RCMP officers as well as a Digital Evidence Management System is taking place over the next 12-18 months.
- Between 10,000-15,000 body-worn cameras will be deployed to frontline contract and federal police officers who interact with members of the public, across Canada's rural, urban and remote locations.
- The video evidence collected will capture objective interactions, in real-time, between police officers and the community.



Expected benefits of body-worn cameras:

- ✓ Strengthen transparency, accountability and public trust
- ✓ Resolve public complaints more quickly
- ✓ Improve interactions between the public and police
- ✓ Improve evidence gathering.



Body-worn cameras will not be used for:

- ✓ 24 hour recording
- ✓ surveillance
- ✓ during strip searches or internal body cavity searches
- ✓ areas with a high expectation of privacy, such as in washrooms, hospitals, religious places or treatment centres.



Officers must activate their body-worn cameras before arriving at a call for service, such as:

- ✓ crimes in progress
- ✓ investigations
- ✓ public disorder and protests
- ✓ mental health calls
- ✓ interactions with people in crisis
- ✓ to record information to support the performance of their duties

When possible, officers will let you know when the camera is recording.

Policy and training provides the guidance for police officers using body-worn cameras.



Your input is important

The RCMP is seeking your feedback on police officers wearing body-worn cameras.

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