



## Top 25 Largest U.S. Cities and Police Body Worn Cameras

<b>CITY</b>	<b>Implemented/ing BWCs</b>	<b>Results</b>
New York, NY	YES	Commissioner Bill Bratton supports. <sup>i</sup>
Los Angeles, CA	YES	Chief Beck supports. <sup>ii</sup>
Chicago, IL	YES	Superintendent Barry McCarthy supports. <sup>iii</sup>
Houston, TX	YES	Capt. Mike Skillern supports. <sup>iv</sup>
Philadelphia, PA	YES	Commissioner Ramsey supports. <sup>v</sup>
Phoenix, AZ	YES	Acting Police Chief Joe Yahner supports. <sup>vi</sup>
San Antonio, TX	YES	Chief William McManus supports. <sup>vii</sup>
San Diego, CA	YES	Chief Zimmerman supports. <sup>viii</sup>
Dallas, TX	YES	Assistant Chief Thomas Lawrence supports. <sup>ix</sup>
San Jose, CA	YES	
Austin, TX	YES	Assistant Chief Jason Dusterhoft supports. <sup>x</sup>
Jacksonville, FL	NO	
Indianapolis, IN	YES	Chief Rick Hite supports. <sup>xi</sup>
San Francisco, CA	NOT YET <sup>xii</sup>	Chief Greg Suhr supports. <sup>xiii</sup>
Columbus, OH	NO	Chief Kim Jacobs supports. <sup>xiv</sup>
Fort Worth, TX	YES	Former Chief Halstead supports. <sup>xv</sup>
Charlotte, NC	YES	
Detroit, MI	YES	
El Paso, Texas	YES, some motorcycle police from Sheriff's dept.	
Memphis, TN	YES, Sept. 2015 implementation	
Boston, MA	NO	
Seattle, WA	YES	Chief Kathleen O'Toole supports. <sup>xvi</sup>
Denver, CO	YES	Chief Robert White supports. <sup>xvii</sup>
Washington, DC	YES	
Nashville-Davidson, TN	NO	

<sup>i</sup> "This is a great investigatory tool. It reduces the he-said, she-said, that type of dilemma. I think it's going to change policing in America." <http://www.capitalnewyork.com/article/city-hall/2014/12/8557917/bratton-body-cameras-will-change-policing-america>

<sup>ii</sup> He argued it would "promote accountability and continue strengthening the trust of the community we protect and serve." <http://www.scpr.org/news/2015/04/24/51269/lapd-body-cameras-beck-would-allow-officers-to-vie/>

<sup>iii</sup> "... it will help foster a sense of 'Look, this is what we said happened. Here's the video. We're right or we're wrong. It is what it is.'" McCarthy pointed to research that shows that citizen complaints dropped by as much as 80 percent for some police departments using body cameras. <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-chicago-police-body-cameras-met-20150213-story.html>

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<sup>iv</sup> "We as a department, and the individual officers, have all been very happy with them," Skillern said. "It does adjust attitudes on both sides of the camera. When folks realize they're being videoed, they're often on their best behavior." <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/aug/29/houston-police-chief-seeks-body-camera-funding/?page=all>

<sup>v</sup> Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey, interviewed on NBC's *Meet the Press* on Sunday, agreed that body cameras are valuable tools in policing. <http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2015/08/03/commissioner-ramsey-advocates-for-police-body-camera-funding/>

<sup>vi</sup> Yahner and Maryvale Precinct Commander Michael Kurtenbach praised body cameras for increasing productivity and accountability among officers who used them in a pilot program... <http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/phoenix/2015/01/21/phoenix-police-body-cameras-beneficial-costly/22142475/>

<sup>vii</sup> "The landscape of policing dramatically changed since Ferguson," McManus said, referencing the small Missouri town where a white officer shot and killed an unarmed black man last summer, igniting a long-needed public discourse on issues from race to police militarization. "Public expectations changed because of Ferguson and I think we really have an obligation to pay attention to those expectations." <http://www.sacurrent.com/sanantonio/sapd-chief-mcmanus-pitches-body-cameras-to-council/Content?oid=2359153>

<sup>viii</sup> In the first six months since adopting the equipment, the department has received fewer complaints about alleged officer conduct and use of force, she said. Calling herself a "huge proponent" of the devices — which are in use by six of the department's nine divisions, being worn by a total of about 600 officers — Zimmerman said she hoped to have all SDPD patrol personnel using them within the next few months. <http://www.kpbs.org/news/2015/may/07/san-diego-police-department-changes-body-camera-po/>

<sup>ix</sup> "We see several benefits to using body-worn cameras, including transparency and increased police-community trust, officer protection from false allegations and invaluable evidence for an investigation and prosecution," said Dallas Police Department Assistant Chief Thomas Lawrence in a statement about the Axon purchases. <http://money.cnn.com/2015/06/18/investing/taser-axon-dallas-digital-ally-body-cameras/>

Dallas Deputy Chief and Police Association also support: <http://www.fox4news.com/story/24378201/dallas-police-testing-officer-body-cameras>

<sup>x</sup> "Austin Police Department is for body cameras," said APD Assistant Chief Jason Dusterhoft. "We already have the cameras in the vehicles, so we think that's a really good part of the transparency. It helps the citizen and it helps the officer." <http://www.kvue.com/story/news/local/2015/04/06/austin-police-to-get-body-cameras-in-1-2-years/25394237/>

<sup>xi</sup> IMPD Chief Rick Hite expressed support for the cameras during a press conference Thursday in which body-camera video from an April 12 fatal officer-involved shooting was presented to the media. Videos captured on the cameras, Hite said, have been useful for officers not just in the field but during training exercises. <http://www.indystar.com/story/news/crime/2015/07/09/impd-discuss-video-fatal-officer-involved-shooting/29916019/>

<sup>xii</sup> San Francisco has committed to implementing body cameras, but has not yet begun (June 2015). <http://ww2.kqed.org/news/2015/06/18/the-story-behind-the-sfpd-body-cam-programs-many-delays>

<sup>xiii</sup> "If we can give the public the confidence that any misconduct is going to be on video, thereby reducing it, and if the officers know that anybody making (a false) assertion will also be able to be debunked by video, it's a win-win

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situation," Suhr said <http://www.sfgate.com/crime/article/San-Francisco-cops-expected-to-get-body-worn-6232517.php>

<sup>xiv</sup> Columbus Police Chief Kim Jacobs said she does support the idea of getting the officer's perspective from the very beginning of a confrontation. "When a cell phone records an incident it's often after the initial situation that caused somebody's attention to turn on their own camera," she said. <http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2015/05/14/columbus-ohio-columbus-mayor-police-chief-support-use-of-body-cameras.html>

<sup>xv</sup> Halstead [Chief when Fort Worth first implemented body cams] said the cameras can be a key in developing trust and confidence between police and the community. "Right now in policing, regardless of which neighborhood you choose or which state you choose, if there's any element of mistrust, I see this as the only available technology to start bridging concerns on both sides," Halstead said. <http://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/fort-worth/article4364327.html>

<sup>xvi</sup> "I think body cams can become a huge tool for us as we continue our dialogue going and we work to enhance community trust," O'Toole said. <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Seattle-mayor-police-chief-want-body-cams-for-all-officers-309434081.html>

<sup>xvii</sup> Chief Robert White has said the cameras will help clarify complaints against police officers, especially during accusations of excessive force. Cameras can help clear officers who are wrongly accused while protecting people who have legitimate complaints. [http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci\\_28445800/body-cameras-denver-police-cost-6-1-million](http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_28445800/body-cameras-denver-police-cost-6-1-million)