



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.



- front-line RCMP officers will soon be wearing body-worn cameras.
- between 10,000-15,000 body-worn cameras will be deployed to contract and federal police officers who interact with communities, across Canada's rural, urban and remote locations.
- the video evidence collected will provide an independent, unbiased, and objective way to capture interactions between the community and police officers.
- work is ongoing to acquire body-worn cameras and a Digital Evidence Management System (DEMS) to support a nation-wide rollout of camera as as quickly as possible.
- a field test, with up to 300 cameras will take place in three different Divisions of the RCMP - Alberta (K Division), Nova Scotia (H Division), Nunavut (V Division). The testing will take place in northern/remote, rural, and urban settings.



Your input is important

We have been meeting with various organizations, groups and community members across Canada to introduce body-worn cameras, and to better understand their concerns.

If you are interested in being part of the conversation, contact us at:

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How body-worn cameras support police and communities:

- ✓ more timely resolutions of complaints
- ✓ improved evidence gathering
- ✓ enhanced transparency and accountability for police
- ✓ improved police and public behaviour



Officers will activate their body worn cameras during calls for service, including:

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

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

The decision to turn on a body-worn camera will happen before the officer arrives at a call for service.

Policy and training will provide the guidance required for officers using body-worn cameras.



Body-worn cameras are not intended to be used for the purpose of:

- ✓ 24 hour recording
- ✓ surveillance
- ✓ when intimate searches are conducted
- ✓ areas with a high expectation of privacy

