



Police Software Update 2019 - 2020

MYRTLE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT



Body Worn Cameras

- ▶ September 2013 we started our Body Worn Camera project.
- ▶ We have had 2 different cameras on the street that have provided varied technology.
- ▶ The growth of technology has allowed us to grow in commitment to our community and employees.
- ▶ We currently are working with Axon.
- ▶ Every officer has their own camera.
- ▶ We has a “daisy chain” feature that turns on other officers cameras who arrive on scene so that all perspectives are covered.



Body Worn Cameras

- ▶ Mounting system on the officer is much better than previous... very few issues with cameras falling off the officers unlike our previous cameras
- ▶ Recording time and battery life is greatly improved.
- ▶ Axon BWCs have a 30 pre-record ... meaning when officer activates their BWC, their video starts with the 30 seconds prior to them turning it on. Often times this captures the violation or events leading to a contact.
- ▶ Cameras have feedback reminding and ensuring officers that their camera is running. Gives officer peace of mind that its on and recording. Reminds officers at the end of call to stop recording.



In – Car Fleet

- ▶ BWC acts as the mic pack for the in-car.
- ▶ We don't lose audio anymore when an officer walks out of range of the vehicle (previously about 25-30 feet)
- ▶ Fleet system has a triggering mechanism



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- ▶ At the end of a shift, officers now put their BWC into a dock (located in all MBPD buildings).
- ▶ BWC video is automatically uploaded into the cloud and the BWC charged.
- ▶ AXON BWC video is now auto-populated (integrates with our Computer Aided Dispatch system (CAD)).
- ▶ Evidence.com CAD integration automatically takes all BWC and in-car video and populates it into a case. Officers and supervisors no longer need to search or compile videos. Because the case is built by the computer.
- ▶ Officers then add other items needed to complete their case file (Pictures, PDFs of Reports, Scanned documents, other digital evidence) and case files are now completed in minutes, not hours.



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- ▶ Case files are now shared with the 15th Circuit Solicitors Office and the City of Myrtle Beach City Prosecutors Office via evidence.com.
- ▶ No longer do we create duplicate paper copies of case files and burn DVDs.
- ▶ Both MBPD and both prosecutors offices now have a digital tracking system to show when MBPD sent it to them and they sent it to the defense. This has been very helpful in discovery pre-trial motions....
- ▶ Prosecutors also have the ability to share the case file digitally with defense attorneys saving them time and materials... also gives them the digital tracking to show when they shared it
- ▶ Evidence.com allows for MBPD to share and received BWC videos to and from other agencies.