

Panasonic

Macomb Police Department
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Department**



Body Worn Camera 4000

Non Emergency: 309-833-4505

Body Worn Camera
F.A.Q.

For Emergencies Call 911

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Frequently Asked Questions

What brand / model of BWC does Macomb Police have?

We adopted the Panasonic BWC 4000 because it offers full HD, integrates with our current video software, and works in conjunction with our In-Car Camera Systems (Panasonic Arbitrator)

When will Officers wear the BWCs?

Officers are wearing them now (as of June 2021) as part of a training, testing, and evaluation phase. We expect all officers to be fully trained and wearing them by the end of August 2021.

When will officers be recording with the BWCs?

Officers are guided by the Body Camera Act, which is law, and our department policy which flows from the Act. Officers will record traffic stops, Terry Stops, interviews, arrests, searches, and just about every law enforcement related encounter. The spirit and letter of the law aims to collect recordings.

Will Officers record in my residence?

Officers are required to give notice when recording in an area with an expectation of privacy. Officers are required to keep recording for the duration of the investigation. If the officer determines someone is a witness or victim (only) and doesn't want to be recorded they can request the officer shut off the recording. In some cases, victims and witnesses may have committed crimes or it's not readily apparent who is the victim / witness to the officer.

Officers have been trained to handle investigations first, while being sensitive to recording requests. Officers must handle criminal matters first, then turn off recordings once it's clear who has an expectation of privacy and legal standing to ask a recording be turned off.



How long are the videos kept?

All videos are kept a minimum of 90 days. Videos of pursuits, use of force incidents, and major criminal investigations will be kept between 2 and 10 years.

Can officers delete or alter body cam footage?

Officers are not able or allowed to delete BWC footage. The software is designed that even the administrator can NOT delete the video. The Body Cam Act prohibits altering and deleting videos as does the MPD policy.

Can I watch the BWC videos?

Release of BWC video is guided by the Body Camera Act and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). People may view BWC video if they had a reasonable expectation of privacy at the time of the recording. A FOIA request would have to be made and the FOIA & Body Cam Act rules would apply. Cases that are currently under investigation are not made available. FOIA requests can be made at <https://cityofmacomb.com/police-department>