

The Portland Police Bureau is considering the use new equipment and technology – Body Worn Cameras



You may see equipment similar to this on the officer's person. It is there for your safety and theirs.

In the summer of 2019, Portland will begin using the cameras in a pilot test at Central Precinct and the Traffic Division.

The goals for this new tool are:

- Strengthen community trust and relationships
- Promote officer safety while safe guarding the rights and privacy of community members and employees
- Increased transparency and accountability
- Enhance complaint resolution and improve quality and reliability of investigations and criminal prosecutions
- Improve officer training

Things to keep in mind:

- Policy will dictate in what circumstances the cameras must be turned on or kept off.
- Officers will be required to let you know that they are recording as long as it does not jeopardize the safety of the officer or any other person.
- Recordings are kept for a minimum of 180 days.
- If released in a public records request, all faces will be blurred to render them unidentifiable.

More information can be found at: www.portlandoregon.gov/police/78485