

COMMUNITY SURVEY
BODY WORN CAMERAS AND BODY WORN CAMERA POLICY

The Little Falls Police Department is currently in the process of looking at the implementation of Body Worn Cameras (BWC) for all our Officers.

We have had the opportunity in the past several months to view demonstrations of the various vendors and the different platforms and data storage systems that these provide. Our department will also be looking at having these BWCs work in conjunction with the mobile cameras in our squad cars. The data that is obtained will be stored with an evidence management system provided by the camera vendor. Data is classified, audited, stored, and filed digitally as evidence. These digital files are uploaded wirelessly and accessed over a secured system which can also be utilized by other agencies such as the prosecutor's office at the discretion of the Little Falls Police Department.

The 2016 Minnesota Legislative Session as well as the League of Minnesota Cities provided certain requirements and guidelines for Minnesota law enforcement agencies who are looking at implementing a BWC program at their agencies. Requirements as well as guidelines on policy development were also provided.

One of the requirements that was identified is that agencies need to provide opportunities for public comment, accepted by mail and email. It also requires that the City Council allow for public comment at one of their regular meetings.

The Little Falls Police Department wants to have support from the community as well as the officers that will be wearing the camera. We understand the importance for community input as we go through this process. The benefits as well as the potential challenges that might arise, need to be discussed, and input from the community is an integral part of this process.

A survey has been created to facilitate this process. Survey responses may:

- Access the survey through the City's [website](#);
- Clicking [HERE](#) to go directly to the survey;
- [Print](#)/scan and email to [Captain Kyle Johnson](#)
- [Print](#) and mail or drop off at the Police Department, 207 NE 1st Street, Little Falls, MN, 56345.

The Police Department has created a draft policy based on statute requirements as well as the model policy provided by the League of Minnesota Cities. We are seeking community feedback and comments regarding this draft policy. A copy of this policy is available on the City's website at www.cityoflittlefalls.com; by calling the Police Department at (320) 616-5570 or stopping at the Department in person.