



BODY-WORN CAMERAS FOR POLICE OFFICERS

PSNI (POLICE SERVICE NORTHERN IRELAND)


OVERVIEW

The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) has a very clear purpose – “Keeping People Safe”. The Force’s vision to build a safe, confident and peaceful Northern Ireland, is central to its policing strategy and has been at the forefront of many campaigns and initiatives.

Covering eleven policing districts with over six thousand police officers, the PSNI records on video approximately 173,000 incidents each year. In order to deliver effective policing, and to achieve set goals of protecting people, communities and the vulnerable, preventing crime and harm and detecting and investigating offenders, the PSNI has chosen to invest in body-worn technology which has augmented the efficiency and ability to reduce crime.

KEY BENEFITS

- Long battery life for full-shift recording
- Pre / post-record captures the moments that matter
- Full HD recording in 1080p
- Bluetooth® & Wi-Fi® connectivity
- Peer-assisted recording
- GPS
- Secure file encryption
- Flexible mounting options
- Rugged and durable design for all occasions



“Body-worn video has the potential to improve significantly the quality of evidence provided by Police Officers. It can enable the raw emotion from a scene to be replayed in court in a manner that could never be captured in a written witness statement.”

- PSNI Body-worn Camera Business Case

THE CHALLENGE

The Northern Ireland Policing Plan, as specified by the Policing Board, sets out a strategy to provide projects and support to improve public confidence in the Police, utilising enabling technologies.

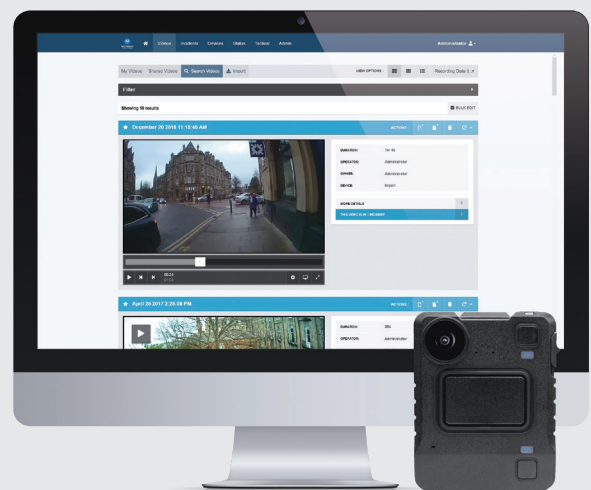
In 2011, having consulted on UK and international roll-outs of body-worn cameras (BWC), and the viability of such projects, it was agreed that a trial of body-worn cameras would be conducted by the PSNI. Initially rolled out at local level, and progressing to district level, the PSNI conducted a trial of body-worn cameras with the aim of:

- Creating self-awareness during police interactions
- Modifying an individual's behaviour in response to being recorded
- Improving the quality of evidence gathered
- Delivering faster and fairer outcomes within the justice sector.

The success of the trial led to a 2016 deployment of body-worn cameras throughout PSNI.

KEY SUCCESS FACTORS

- Confrontation prevention
- Quicker & just handling of incidents, insurance matters and complaints
- Less aggression by members of the public towards camera wearers
- Highlight training requirements
- Evaluate protocols
- Improve best work practices
- Enables COVID rule enforcement





THE SOLUTION

Over the course of 5 years, the PSNI has grown its deployment of body-worn cameras to over 3000, investing in the latest technology from Motorola Solutions, and enhancing their workflow.

Upgrading to the new VB400 body-worn camera, as well as introducing the VT50XLR and X-100 helmet cameras for specialist teams, has allowed the PSNI to remain at the forefront of body-worn technology, ensuring their officers are equipped and protected with the best cameras for their role.

The cameras offer a fully-encrypted solution, meaning the footage captured by officers is secure, impenetrable, traceable and of evidential quality.

With minimal impact on the officer's workload overhead thanks to RFID camera assign and streamlined footage processes within VideoManager, the VB400 fits easily into the officers work day. Activated with a simple button press, footage can be recorded, bookmarked and offloaded easily. All recorded video captured can only be edited by authorised personnel, and will be automatically deleted after 31 days should it not be required as evidence, utilising the software's configurable deletion policies.

DEPLOYMENT FACTS

To date, the PSNI has deployed 2750 VB400 body-worn cameras as well as 200 X-100 helmet mounted cameras and 200 VT50 XLR body-cameras. The following units are currently making use of these cameras:

- Local Policing Teams
- Neighbourhood Policing Teams
- Tactical Support Groups
- Roads Policing Units
- Dog Section
- District Support Teams
- Armed Response Unit
- C7 Detectives
- HMSU (Headquarters Mobile Support Unit)



“This technology has proven to be valuable in many policing situations. The evidential benefits it can bring in assisting the prosecution of cases and particularly in cases of domestic abuse is well documented”.

- Anne Connolly, Belfast Policing District Board Chair

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