



Police Body Cameras and Privacy

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Duluth Police Policy

- ▶ Want to balance privacy considerations with documentation, evidence collection and the need for transparency
- ▶ Guided by Data Practices Act
- ▶ Collaborated in policy development with stakeholders
- ▶ Video Retained for 60 Days
- ▶ Arrests, citations or charges retained 90 days after sentencing
 - ▶ Or relevant statute of limitations if no charge
- ▶ Internal investigation videos are retained a minimum of six years
 - **Recognize that best practices are evolving with body cams



Duluth's Body Cameras

- ▶ Solid policy in place prior to implementation
- ▶ Public Education
 - ▶ Press conferences, press releases, neighborhood meetings and a lot of work notifying the public
- ▶ Full implementation of over 100 cameras July 2014
- ▶ Receiving multiple requests daily for videos
- ▶ Have concerns that need State policy consideration

Privacy Concerns

- ▶ What needs to be recorded?
 - ▶ Policy outlines considerations
 - ▶ Don't need purchase of coffee recorded
 - ▶ Amount of video recorded video is costly to store
- ▶ One department mandatory to record everything
 - ▶ Became cost prohibitive

Privacy Considerations

- ▶ Recording in Private Homes
 - ▶ Bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchens, offices
 - ▶ One department is considering mandating no recording in private places
 - ▶ Will your home end up on Facebook or YouTube as a result of police video?



Considerations...

- ▶ Police Video catches people at the worst moments of their lives
 - ▶ Interview of rape victim or someone in crisis
 - ▶ We've been focusing on expungements and second chances
 - ▶ What does video do to this?



Considerations...

- ▶ Peace Officer Discipline Procedures Act 626.89
 - ▶ Sub 12. No release of photographs of police officers



Questions?
Thank you

