

OREGON KNOWLEDGE BANK

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TOPIC HIGHLIGHT: BODY-WORN CAMERAS

Over the last few years, more and more agencies have begun to explore the use of body-worn cameras. Some agencies have already adopted them. In this newsletter we will explore the research available on the implementation and effects of body-worn cameras, as well as give you the opportunity to help broaden BWC research.

- **OKB Research Summary** - BWCs: What we know, what we need to know
- **Resources** - BWC Model Policy, BWC Toolkit, Quantifying & Justifying the Cost of BWC, Cost & Benefits of BWC, & additional research summaries from the OKB and ASEBP

OKB RESEARCH SUMMARY

Article: Research on body-worn cameras: What we know, what we need to know

The authors set out to review research related to several of the anticipated positive and negative effects of BWCs.

In summary:

- Officers seem supportive of BWCs
- BWCs have not produced significant changes in officer behavior, in either direction
- BWCs reduce complaints against officers. However, the mechanism behind this is not well understood.
- It is not clear if BWCs improve citizen satisfaction with police encounters.
- BWCs do not seem to decrease proactive activities.
- Citizens are generally supportive of the use of BWCs, but it is unclear whether or not it improves citizen's views of police.

**Click here for the
complete summary**



Citation & article link: Lum, C., Stoltz, M., Koper, C. S., & Scherer, J. A. (2019). Research on body-worn cameras: What we know, what we need to know. *Criminology & public policy*, 18(1), 93-118.



LINKS TO ADDITIONAL BWC RESEARCH

Research

OKB Research Summary of "Contagious Accountability" A global multisite randomized controlled trial on the effect of police BWC on citizens' complaints against the police - Full summary ▶

Across all seven sites, complaints were reduced from 1,539 complaints in the 12-months preceding the study to 113 complaints over the course of the study. This represents a 93% decrease in complaints between time periods. There were no significant differences between treatment and control groups.

American Society of Evidence Based Policing (ASEBP) Research Brief of *Police Body-worn cameras: Research developments on an emerging technology*

Full research brief ▶

Note: Membership required to read full brief. We encourage you to take a look at joining ASEBP - it is a growing community of practitioners and academics working together to further law enforcement.

- Early research shows BWCs have an impact on officer use of force
- Internal (Police) attitudes and public opinion about BWCs are important factors in their adoption – research shows supervisors tend to have positive views of the BWCs after implementation
- As for public opinion, individual support for BWCs depends largely on their beliefs about the purpose of BWCs and their individual involvement in social institutions



NEW

LINKS TO ADDITIONAL BWC RESOURCES

Online Resources

Body-Worn Camera Model Policy, **International Assoc. of Chiefs of Police (IACP)** ▶

Body-Worn Camera Toolkit, **Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)** ▶

Quantifying, Justifying the cost of body-worn cameras, **Police Foundation** ▶

Cost and Benefits of BWC, **Police Foundation** ▶

NEW POSTS ON THE OKB

Check out new research and programs

Program Summary - 5th

**Street Park, Coquille Police
Department** ▶

Research Summary -

**Mental Health Education &
Law Enforcement, Pacific
University** ▶

Research Summary -

**Research on BWC, George
Mason University** ▶

“Ideas won't keep.
Something must be
done about them.”
Alfred North Whitehead

SUBMIT A PROGRAM

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The OKB is a showcase of your agencies' hard work and programs! Let us know what you have been up to by submitting a program to the OKB.

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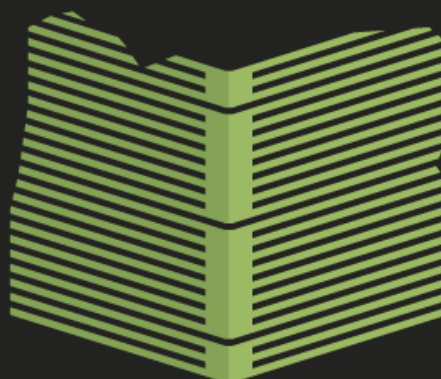
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