

# Law Enforcement Body Worn Camera Task Force

## Action Summary and Recommendations

In July 2020, the Law Enforcement Body Camera (BWC) Task Force was formed by the General Assembly (HB739 Chapter 309, Acts of 2020). The Task Force was charged with studying economical methods for storing video and audio recordings made by police-worn body cameras. It also was to make recommendations that take into account the budgets of State, county, local and campus law enforcement agencies.

The Task Force consisted of the below members, and was supported by the staff of the MD Police and Correctional Training Commissions (MPCTC).

Delegate Jazz Lewis, Chair  
Senator Charles Sydnor, Vice-Chair  
Delegate David Moon  
Senator Justin Ready

Mr. Robert Bishop, MD Department of Information Technology  
Chief Lisa Myers, Howard County Police, MD Association of Counties  
Chief Antonio DeVaul, Takoma Park Police, MD Chiefs of Police Association  
Secretary Michael Leahy, MD Department of Information Technology  
Mayor Raymond Morriss, City of Cumberland, MD Municipal League  
Sheriff Doug Mullendore, Washington County Sheriff, MD Sheriffs' Association  
Mr. Scott Nicewarner, Hagerstown City Administrator, MD Municipal League  
Captain Michael Pilkerton, St. Mary's County Detention & Rehabilitation Center,  
MD Correctional Administrators' Association  
Councilmember Joseph Solomon, Hyattsville City Council, Prince George's County Municipal  
Association  
Major Phil Tou, University of Maryland Police, International Association of Campus Law  
Enforcement Administrators

### MPCTC Staff

Albert Liebno, Executive Director, MD Police & Correctional Training Commissions  
Katie Johnson, Administrative Support, MD Police & Correctional Training Commissions

The Task Force met on the below dates, with each meeting focused on a certain topic of interest, with subject matter experts scheduled to present. A compilation of all meeting minutes is provided as an appendix to this document.

August 13, 2020 – Introductory Meeting / Goal Setting  
August 27, 2020 – Industry Briefing  
September 10, 2020 – National & Federal Briefing  
September 24, 2020 – Legal Considerations  
October 8, 2020 – Other presentations as recommended  
November 19, 2020 – Discussion of Member Submitted Recommendations  
January 5, 2021 – Discussion of Voting Record

Members were asked to submit their top three recommendations after the October meeting. At the November meeting, members discussed the submitted recommendations, which were afterwards categorized by topic and summarized. A voting sheet was presented to members electronically, and the results were discussed at the January meeting.

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## **Task Force Recommendations**

### **Statewide Contract**

The State of Maryland should negotiate with body camera hardware and software vendors for preferable rates and options for all police departments. A state-led resource to consolidate this function for local departments opting-in could ensure professionalism, access, and reasonable costs. The contracts must emphasize maintaining security and privacy of record. Police departments should use one of the negotiated contract schedules. The contract schedule should be able to integrate with multiple vendors in order to preserve local choice and future flexibility. Regardless of where the data is stored (whether it is with DOIT, in the cloud, or a hybrid) the interface to partner agencies to share information should be proven to be able to work with multiple vendors and platforms.

### **Storage**

The State of Maryland should standardize statewide systems for data storage, maintenance and cataloging in a combination of cloud-based and local storage. A BWC infrastructure should be established that allows departments to upload BWC video and store with security and retention governed by the State of Maryland. Local agencies will continue to have ownership of the data. Having one comprehensive system for all BWC issues (playback/review, redaction, transfer, storage) would be a tremendous asset. The interface to partner agencies to share information should be proven to be able to work with multiple vendors and platforms, and should emphasize the easy redaction, transfer, and sharing of data. It would be beneficial for any Statewide DEMS (digital evidence management solution) to be flexible enough to adapt to all the different shapes and sizes of the agencies within the state.

### **Implementation**

Require all police departments to adopt a body-worn camera program for all officers working in a patrol or public facing capacity by 2025. Exceptions will be given to staff not working in a patrol capacity, undercover officers, and narcotics officers. Require all police departments use the Maryland infrastructure or private infrastructure of comparable standard as certified by the MD Department of Information Technology. Implementation recommendation is upon the provision of funding.

### **Funding**

The State should provide funding that would cover the implementation and startup costs of a body-worn camera program for police departments. State grants funding on an on-going basis should be available to assist with maintenance and storage costs. The long-term goal will be agencies self-budgeting for continued costs over time. The State should explore using red light camera revenue and court fees to aide in funding, as well as provide ongoing incentives for police departments who engage in BWC best practices as outlined by the State. All agencies, including the State's Attorney's Office and Office of the Public Defender, should be able to apply for funding.

## **Redaction & Access**

The State contract schedule of BWC vendors should include redaction services, continuing to allow for economies of scale regarding services to police departments and other state agencies. Agencies are able to use additional professional services for redaction outside of BWC vendors. There should be a standard best practice for making body camera footage available to public, and limitations on the divulging of recordings beyond what is codified in Law under the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article. State law fails to recognize the vast difference between video footage and conventional paper documents. The State must find a reasonable balance here to serve the important interests of public access, victim privacy, and reasonable privacy/custodial responsibilities.

There needs to be a balance in retention times as to non-critical recordings (i.e. basic traffic stops), use of force incidents, arrests, and other incidents deemed of significance. Retention periods could be based on specified criminal or civil statute of limitations, or court appeals limitations. This could be codified in either published retention schedules or into law.

## **Compliance/Best Practices**

The Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission (PTSC) would establish statewide minimal guidelines for body-worn cameras for all agencies, to include usage, data storage and chain of custody, data tagging, retention and applicability to evidentiary standards. Police departments are subject to audit and evaluation by PTSC of the BWC program and policies, risking reduction of BWC funding if found in noncompliance. Police departments should develop a discipline matrix for officers not adhering to department BWC policy.

All police-citizen encounters should be recorded where appropriate. The objective of body camera recordings is to capture any and all information that is available should it be needed. The right to privacy still exists, and should be observed on the use and release of data, particularly to the public.

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# **Compilation of BWC Task Force Meeting Minutes**

These “minutes” are a synopsis of the Task Force’s discussion and decisions and not a verbatim rendering of the proceedings.

## **Law Enforcement Body Worn Camera Task Force \*TELECONFERENCE\* Minutes – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting – August 13, 2020**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Delegate Jazz Lewis, Chair  
Senator Charles Sydnor, Vice-Chair  
Delegate David Moon  
Senator Justin Ready

Mr. Robert Bishop, MD Department of Information Technology  
Ms. Tami Bulla, representing Chief Lisa Myers, Howard County Police, MD Association of Counties  
Chief Antonio DeVaul, Takoma Park Police, MD Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA)  
Sheriff Doug Mullendore, Washington County Sheriff, MD Sheriffs' Association (MSA)  
Mr. Scott Nicewarner, Hagerstown City Administrator, MD Municipal League (MML)  
Councilmember Joseph Solomon, Hyattsville City Council, Prince George's County  
Municipal Association (PGCMA)  
Major Phil Tou, University of Maryland Police, International Association of Campus Law Enforcement  
Administrators (IACLEA)

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Secretary Michael Leahy, MD Department of Information Technology  
Mayor Raymond Morriss, City of Cumberland, MD Municipal League (MML)  
Captain Michael Pilkerton, St. Mary's County Detention & Rehabilitation Center, MD Correctional  
Administrators' Association (MCAA)

### **MPCTC STAFF PRESENT**

Albert L. Liebno, Jr., Executive Director  
Katie Johnson, Administrative Support

### **GUESTS**

Melissa Leaman, MD Department of Information Technology

The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Law Enforcement Body Worn Camera Task Force was held via teleconference, and opened by the Chair, Delegate Jazz Lewis, shortly after 1:00pm.

The agenda was as follows:

1. Opening by Chair and Introductions
2. Setting the Scene - Why are we here?
3. Overview of BWC Actions
  - a. Briefing of SB 482 (2015)
4. Technology
5. Associated Cost
6. Questions and Planning

Delegate Jazz Lewis, Chair of the Law Enforcement Body Worn Camera Task Force, welcomed everyone to the first meeting. He noted that the Task Force would have an informative website accessible via the MD General Assembly's homepage (<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/>). Delegate Lewis also stated the meeting was being livestreamed via his [Facebook page](#), and that a recording of the meeting would be posted on the Task Force's YouTube page following the meeting. Delegate Lewis announced each member, and asked the member to provide a brief introduction.

MD Police & Correctional Training Commissions (MPCTC) Executive Director Albert Liebno provided a brief history of Body Worn Camera legislation, and the actions of MPCTC staff. Delegate Lewis invited members to ask questions and present comments. The following concepts, questions and facts were established as a result of the discussion:

- Currently 50 law enforcement agencies of the 148 in the state utilize body worn cameras. Task Force suggested surveying those agencies not currently using the equipment as to why they have not implemented the tools.
- Research the possibility of a statewide contract for all MD Law Enforcement agencies to use the same equipment, and access the same cloud storage and database.
- Evidence.com is a cloud storage service used by many agencies for their footage, to include body worn cameras, dash cameras and drone footage. The service also allows law enforcement agencies to redact footage and share with specified users within their own agency, as well as those from other offices such as the State's Attorney's office and public defenders.
- Axon is the vendor many Maryland Law Enforcement agencies use to procure their body worn camera equipment.
- Not only does the task force need to consider the cost of body worn camera equipment and storage, but also include the personnel costs for review, redaction and research.
- The Task Force should research federal guidelines on body worn cameras for guidance.

Throughout the discussion, a list of potential speakers to address the task force and provide additional information on the discussed topics was generated. The potential presentations include:

- Body Worn Camera companies that provide hardware, software and storage
- Federal Government to discuss their system(s)
- National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) for trends within other states
- MD State's Attorney, Clerks Association and Public Defenders regarding access to Evidence.com
- Vendor to discuss data storage and classification of video storage
- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) for citizens' rights and redaction options
- Any participating agencies & associations who want to present information

Delegate Lewis noted that the schedule of meetings will be reviewed, and information sent to members. Meetings will be approximately 90 minutes long with two presentations at each. Members volunteered to do additional fact finding before the next meeting.

Delegate Lewis thanked everyone for their participation. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

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**Law Enforcement Body Worn Camera Task Force**  
**\*TELECONFERENCE\* Minutes – 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting – August 27, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Delegate Jazz Lewis, Chair

Senator Charles Sydnor, Vice-Chair

Senator Justin Ready

Secretary Michael Leahy, MD Department of Information Technology

Sheriff Doug Mullendore, Washington County Sheriff, MD Sheriffs' Association (MSA)

Deputy Chief Andrew Powell, representing Chief Antonio DeVaul, Takoma Park Police, MD Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA)

Major Phil Tou, University of Maryland Police, International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Delegate David Moon

Mr. Robert Bishop, MD Department of Information Technology

Mayor Raymond Morriss, City of Cumberland, MD Municipal League (MML)

Chief Lisa Myers, Howard County Police, MD Association of Counties

Mr. Scott Nicewarner, Hagerstown City Administrator, MD Municipal League (MML)

Captain Michael Pilkerton, St. Mary's County Detention & Rehabilitation Center, MD Correctional Administrators' Association (MCAA)

Councilmember Joseph Solomon, Hyattsville City Council, Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA)

**MPCTC STAFF PRESENT**

Albert L. Liebno, Jr., Executive Director

Katie Johnson, Administrative Support

**GUESTS**

Roscoe Brown, Axon/Evidence.com

Rich Reinhardt, Motorola Body Cam Solutions

Mitchell Nowak, Motorola Body Cam Solutions

Tom Latrella, Motorola Body Cam Solutions

Steve Teese, Motorola Body Cam Solutions

Jason Domkowski, Body Worn Utilities

Mark Wood, Body Worn Utilities

Marina Hardy

Brian Bullock

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Law Enforcement Body Worn Camera Task Force was held via teleconference, and opened by the Chair, Delegate Jazz Lewis, shortly after 1:00pm.

The following presentations were scheduled:

- Axon/Evidence.com (Rep: Roscoe Brown)
- Body Worn Utilities (Reps: Jason Domkowski & Mark Wood)
- Motorola's Body Cam Solutions (Reps: Mitchell Nowak & Tom Latrella)

Delegate Jazz Lewis, Chair of the Law Enforcement Body Worn Camera Task Force, welcomed everyone to the second meeting. He noted that the meeting was being livestreamed on [Delegate Lewis' Facebook page](#), and via the [Task Force YouTube](#) page. There access link is provided on the MD General Assembly page under the “[Other - Law Enforcement Body Camera Task Force](#)” section.

Mr. Roscoe Brown from Axon/Evidence.com presented information on services, equipment and pricing for the company. Mr. Brown answered questions regarding video ownership, resolution of the cameras, and public access.

Mr. Jason Domkoski and Mr. Mark Wood from Body Worn Utilities presented information on the company’s background and services. The presenters answered member questions regarding pricing, contract terms and their market.

Motorola Body Cam Solutions representative Mitchell Nowak provided background on the company, and introduced Tom Latrella. Mr. Latrella showcased the equipment features and services, and then answered similar questions from the task force members.

Delegate Lewis thanked all of the presenters for their time. He reminded the members that the next meeting will have presentations from the National Council of State Legislatures (NCSL), Federal Government data security, and an academic from the New York University School of Law.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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## **Law Enforcement Body Worn Camera Task Force** **\*TELECONFERENCE\* Minutes – 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting –September 10, 2020**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Senator Charles Sydnor, Vice-Chair  
Delegate David Moon  
Senator Justin Ready

Mr. Robert Bishop, MD Department of Information Technology  
Chief Antonio DeVaul, Takoma Park Police, MD Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA)  
Mayor Raymond Morriss, City of Cumberland, MD Municipal League (MML)  
Sheriff Doug Mullendore, Washington County Sheriff, MD Sheriffs' Association (MSA)  
Mr. Scott Nicewarner, Hagerstown City Administrator, MD Municipal League (MML)  
Councilmember Joseph Solomon, Hyattsville City Council, Prince George's County  
Municipal Association (PGCMA)  
Major Phil Tou, University of Maryland Police, International Association of Campus Law Enforcement  
Administrators (IACLEA)

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Delegate Jazz Lewis, Chair  
Secretary Michael Leahy, MD Department of Information Technology  
Chief Lisa Myers, Howard County Police, MD Association of Counties  
Captain Michael Pilkerton, St. Mary's County Detention & Rehabilitation Center, MD Correctional  
Administrators' Association (MCAA)

### **MPCTC STAFF PRESENT**

Albert L. Liebno, Jr., Executive Director  
Katie Johnson, Administrative Support

### **GUESTS**

Amber Widgery, National Conference of State Legislatures  
Meg Butler, Senator Ready Chief of Staff

The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Law Enforcement Body Worn Camera Task Force was held via teleconference, and opened by the Vice-Chair, Senator Charles Sydnor, shortly after 1:00pm. The meeting was livestreamed on the [Task Force YouTube](#) page. The access link is provided on the MD General Assembly page under the “[Other - Law Enforcement Body Camera Task Force](#)” section.

The following presentation was schedule:

- National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) representative Amber Widgery

Senator Charles Sydnor, Vice-Chair of the Law Enforcement Body Worn Camera Task Force, welcomed everyone to the third meeting. He asked if any members had comments regarding the minutes from the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and there were none.

Senator Sydnor introduced Ms. Amber Widgery of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). Ms. Widgery outlined the purpose of the NCSL and discussed current legislation for Body Worn Cameras across the states. She also provided trends in previous legislation, and outlined actions of state legislation when it comes to body worn camera video footage storage. Ms. Widgery noted that the involvement of most state legislation is in regards to funding the programs. She also remarked that, as a rule, the police agency that collects the video retains ownership of the footage, and it is not considered property of the storage provider.

Ms. Widgery answered members’ questions regarding which aspects of body worn camera storage are codified, and which are typically left to local policies. She cited the tiered approach of Colorado legislation which addresses internal discipline, admissible evidence and POST certification, as well as New Mexico’s legislation which provides best practices, but requires local entities to establish policies and discipline protocols. It was noted that Pennsylvania law incorporates federal policy by referencing the FBI’s security policies.

Senator Sydnor thanked Ms. Widgery for her presentation, and thanked the members for their participation. He noted the next meeting will be held on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

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## **Law Enforcement Body Worn Camera Task Force** **\*TELECONFERENCE\* Minutes – 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting –September 24, 2020**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Delegate Jazz Lewis, Chair  
Delegate David Moon  
Senator Justin Ready

Mr. Robert Bishop, MD Department of Information Technology  
Chief Antonio DeVaul, Takoma Park Police, MD Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA)  
Secretary Michael Leahy, MD Department of Information Technology



Sheriff Doug Mullendore, Washington County Sheriff, MD Sheriffs' Association (MSA)  
Mr. Scott Nicewarner, Hagerstown City Administrator, MD Municipal League (MML)  
Councilmember Joseph Solomon, Hyattsville City Council, Prince George's County  
Municipal Association (PGCMA)  
Major Phil Tou, University of Maryland Police, International Association of Campus Law Enforcement  
Administrators (IACLEA)

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Senator Charles Sydnor, Vice-Chair  
Mayor Raymond Morriss, City of Cumberland, MD Municipal League (MML)  
Chief Lisa Myers, Howard County Police, MD Association of Counties  
Captain Michael Pilkerton, St. Mary's County Detention & Rehabilitation Center, MD Correctional  
Administrators' Association (MCAA)

### **MPCTC STAFF PRESENT**

Albert L. Liebno, Jr., Executive Director  
Katie Johnson, Administrative Support

### **GUESTS**

Richard Gibson, MD States Attorney Association  
Matthew Smith, Department of Homeland Security  
Brian Wilson, Department of Homeland Security  
Drew Jabin, MD Association of Counties

The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Law Enforcement Body Worn Camera Task Force was held via teleconference, and opened by the Chair, Delegate Jazz Lewis, shortly after 1:00pm. The meeting was livestreamed on the [Task Force YouTube](#) page. The access link is provided on the MD General Assembly page under the “[Other - Law Enforcement Body Camera Task Force](#)” section.

The following presentations were scheduled:

- MD State's Attorneys' Association (Rep: Mr. Richard Gibson, Howard County State's Attorney)
- Department of Homeland Security (Rep: Matthew Smith, FedRAMP & FISMA)

Delegate Jazz Lewis, Chair of the Law Enforcement Body Worn Camera (BWC) Task Force, welcomed everyone to the fourth meeting. He introduced Howard County State's Attorney, Mr. Richard Gibson, of the MD States Attorney Association (MSAA).

Mr. Gibson presented information to the task force on the impact of BWC on the State's Attorney's Office (SAO). He stated that the MSAA unanimously endorsed BWC programs with the caveat that the funding needs to be in place to employ the programs properly. Mr. Gibson answered questions from task force members regarding licenses and access to footage, as well as cost estimates by the SAO for BWC programs.

Delegate Lewis then introduced Matthew Smith of the Department of Homeland Security. Mr. Smith outlined the Federal programs, and provided information to the task force on the federal process for BWC storage. He answered questions from members regarding the application of federal guidelines to a potential statewide program. Mr. Smith's PowerPoint presentation can be viewed by accessing the meeting recording on the [Task Force YouTube](#).

Councilmember Solomon thanked both representatives for their presentations, and thanked the members for their participation.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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**Law Enforcement Body Worn Camera Task Force**  
**\*TELECONFERENCE\* Minutes – 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting –October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Delegate Jazz Lewis, Chair  
Senator Charles Sydnor, Vice-Chair  
Senator Justin Ready  
Chief Antonio DeVaul, Takoma Park Police, MD Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA)  
Secretary Michael Leahy, MD Department of Information Technology  
Sheriff Doug Mullendore, Washington County Sheriff, MD Sheriffs' Association (MSA)  
Mr. Scott Nicewarner, Hagerstown City Administrator, MD Municipal League (MML)  
Major Phil Tou, University of Maryland Police, International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Delegate David Moon  
Mr. Robert Bishop, MD Department of Information Technology  
Mayor Raymond Morriss, City of Cumberland, MD Municipal League (MML)  
Chief Lisa Myers, Howard County Police, MD Association of Counties  
Captain Michael Pilkerton, St. Mary's County Detention & Rehabilitation Center, MD Correctional Administrators' Association (MCAA)  
Councilmember Joseph Solomon, Hyattsville City Council, Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA)

**MPCTC STAFF PRESENT**

Albert L. Liebno, Jr., Executive Director  
Katie Johnson, Administrative Support

**GUESTS**

Berry Friedman, New York University School of Law  
Krystal Williams, MD Office of the Public Defender  
David Rocah, American Civil Liberties Union of

The 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Law Enforcement Body Worn Camera Task Force was held via teleconference, and opened by the Chair, Delegate Jazz Lewis, shortly after 1:00pm. The meeting was livestreamed on the [Task Force YouTube](#) page. The access link is provided on the MD General Assembly page under the “[Other - Law Enforcement Body Camera Task Force](#)” section.

The following presentations were scheduled:

- New York University School of Law (Rep: Berry Friedman, Director of the Policing Project)
- American Civil Liberties Union of MD (Rep: David Rocah, Senior Staff Attorney)
- MD Office of the Public Defender (Rep: Krystal Williams, Assistant Public Defender)

Delegate Jazz Lewis, Chair of the Law Enforcement Body Worn Camera (BWC) Task Force, welcomed everyone to the fifth meeting. He thanked everyone for their time spent on task force efforts. Delegate Lewis

introduced Professor Berry Friedman, Director of the Policing Project at the New York University (NYU) School of Law.

Professor Friedman outlined his topics of discussion in regards to BWC equipment, which included cost, civilian rights and adequate policies. He noted one of best uses of BWC footage is for training purposes – to both counsel and praise officers. Professor Friedman answered questions regarding the release of video (redaction and privacy issues), connecting facial recognition with BWC footage, and the prosecutor’s viewpoint versus the police. His views on accountability and transparency of policing can be found on the website [PolicingProject.org](http://PolicingProject.org).

Delegate Lewis introduced David Rocah, Senior Staff Attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Maryland. Mr. Rocah addressed topics such as civilian access to BWC footage, random and structured review by supervisors of particular kinds of incidents, and the importance of tagging videos to categorize incidents. He also discussed classifying BWC footage as discretionary disclosures instead of personnel records when it comes to addressing internal affairs issues, as well as the balance of public interest and exposure.

The members discussed the matter of tagging videos, the policies and systems that support this function, and the importance of categorization for retention and accountability purposes. Mr. Rocah provided his view that a statewide BWC system would be helpful for economy of scale and technical expertise, but wouldn’t apply to policy mandates for the varieties of agencies.

Delegate Lewis then introduced Krystal Williams, Assistant Public Defender with the Maryland Office of the Public Defender (OPD). Ms. Williams reviewed the impact of BWC on the OPD, explaining the varying practices of jurisdictions when it comes to providing and editing footage. She noted that historically there are no funds or grants available to the OPD to help absorb the costs and extra workload associated with BWC footage. Ms. Williams suggested a reduced fee for public defenders to access footage would be helpful, since the caseload of OPD personnel is typically higher than those of private defenders who also generally have more funding. It was noted a statewide contract with a BWC vendor could outline how public defenders, private attorneys, civilians, etc. would access footage and any associated fees.

Delegate Lewis and members discussed sharing jurisdictions’ policies on BWC, and reviewing the benefits of a universal policy against individual agency programs. He stated this was the last scheduled meeting in the series. Any additional topics, thoughts or ideas should be sent to [Albert.Liebno@maryland.gov](mailto:Albert.Liebno@maryland.gov) or [Katie.Johnson@maryland.gov](mailto:Katie.Johnson@maryland.gov).

Delegate Lewis thanked all representatives for their presentations, and thanked the members for their participation. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m.

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**Law Enforcement Body Worn Camera Task Force**  
**\*TELECONFERENCE\* Minutes – 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting –November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Delegate Jazz Lewis, Chair  
Senator Charles Sydnor, Vice-Chair  
Delegate David Moon  
Senator Justin Ready  
Mr. Robert Bishop, MD Department of Information Technology

Chief Antonio DeVaul, Takoma Park Police, MD Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA)  
Mayor Raymond Morriss, City of Cumberland, MD Municipal League (MML)  
Sheriff Doug Mullendore, Washington County Sheriff, MD Sheriffs' Association (MSA)  
Mr. Scott Nicewarner, Hagerstown City Administrator, MD Municipal League (MML)  
Councilmember Joseph Solomon, Hyattsville City Council, Prince George's County  
Municipal Association (PGCMA)  
Major Phil Tou, University of Maryland Police, International Association of Campus Law Enforcement  
Administrators (IACLEA)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Secretary Michael Leahy, MD Department of Information Technology  
Chief Lisa Myers, Howard County Police, MD Association of Counties  
Captain Michael Pilkerton, St. Mary's County Detention & Rehabilitation Center, MD Correctional  
Administrators' Association (MCAA)

**MPCTC STAFF PRESENT**

Albert L. Liebno, Jr., Executive Director  
Katie Johnson, Administrative Support

**GUESTS**

Jordan Riddick, Delegate Lewis' Office

The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Law Enforcement Body Worn Camera (BWC) Task Force was held via teleconference, and opened by the Chair, Delegate Jazz Lewis, at 1:06pm. The meeting was livestreamed on the [Task Force YouTube](#) page.

Delegate Lewis stated that since the last meeting, members and contributors were asked to submit their top three recommendations as a result of the task force meetings. A compilation of recommendations was sent to members for review prior to the meeting.

Delegate Lewis walked through each recommendation, and took comments and questions from the members. Many submissions shared similar viewpoints on topics such as a statewide contract, implementation, redaction and best practices.

Once all of the recommendations were discussed, it was decided the items would be categorized and sent to members in order for them to vote for or against each recommendation. It was stated that the next meeting will be scheduled to go over the official recommendations before submission. Delegate Lewis noted that not all recommendations in the submission will become legislation. He also thanked the members for their time and participation.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.

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**Law Enforcement Body Worn Camera Task Force**  
**\*TELECONFERENCE\* Minutes – 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting –January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Delegate Jazz Lewis, Chair  
Senator Charles Sydnor, Vice-Chair

Delegate David Moon

Senator Justin Ready

Mr. Robert Bishop, MD Department of Information Technology

Chief Antonio DeVaul, Takoma Park Police, MD Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA)

Sheriff Doug Mullendore, Washington County Sheriff, MD Sheriffs' Association (MSA)

Mr. Scott Nicewarner, Hagerstown City Administrator, MD Municipal League (MML)

Councilmember Joseph Solomon, Hyattsville City Council, Prince George's County  
Municipal Association (PGCMA)

Major Phil Tou, University of Maryland Police, International Association of Campus Law Enforcement  
Administrators (IACLEA)

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Secretary Michael Leahy, MD Department of Information Technology

Mayor Raymond Morriss, City of Cumberland, MD Municipal League (MML)

Chief Lisa Myers, Howard County Police, MD Association of Counties

Captain Michael Pilkerton, St. Mary's County Detention & Rehabilitation Center, MD Correctional  
Administrators' Association (MCAA)

### **MPCTC STAFF PRESENT**

Albert L. Liebno, Jr., Executive Director

Katie Johnson, Administrative Support

### **GUESTS**

Acting Mayor Kevin Ward, Hyattsville City

Acting Police Chief Scott Dunklee, Hyattsville Police

Dan Sheffield, Hyattsville Police

The 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Law Enforcement Body Worn Camera (BWC) Task Force was held via teleconference, and opened by the Chair, Delegate Jazz Lewis, shortly after 2:00pm.

Delegate Lewis stated that since the last meeting, members were asked to review and vote upon the summarized recommendations. The voting record was displayed on screen along with the summary of each recommendation topic.

Delegate Lewis walked through each recommendation, and took comments from the members as to why they voted “neutral” or “disagree.” Edits were noted for several topics before task force member approval so to amend before final presentation.

Summary of Amendments to Recommendations:

Statewide Contract – Remove “All state agencies, including the State's Attorney's Office and Office of the Public Defender, should be able to use one of the negotiated State contracts.”  
Provide funds for these agencies under the funding recommendation.

Statewide Contract – All police departments SHOULD (not must) use one of the negotiated contract schedules.

Storage – Clarify that local agencies have ownership of the data.

Implementation – Mandate implementation only upon provision of funding.

Redaction – Allow for additional, professional services to be used for redaction aside from those provided by body worn camera vendors.

Miscellaneous 1 – The State should consider funding to help agencies cover the costs associated with mandated reporting. The MD Police Training & Standards Commission (PTSC) should establish best practices and/or a matrix for disciplinary actions regarding body worn camera incidents/infractions. It should be considered that this data be reported to PTSC along with other legislative mandates, such as the Serious Officer Incidents/Officer Discipline Report. Other information to capture should include the vendor, camera types and storage infrastructure of the body worn camera equipment in use by the agency.

Miscellaneous 2 – Record all citizen encounters where appropriate.

Once all of the recommendations were discussed, Delegate Lewis noted that the complete report would be sent to members to view before final submission. He also thanked the members for their time and participation.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.

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