

Glen Rock Police Department

BODY-WORN CAMERA STATEMENT



In compliance with State Law, the Glen Rock Police Department has implemented the use of body-worn cameras by uniformed Officers regularly assigned to patrol functions. The body-worn camera, a photo of which is included with this announcement, will be visible on the front of each Officer's outer clothing (shirt, outer vest carrier, jacket, or belt).

Body-worn cameras are required to be utilized for all law enforcement contact with citizens, investigative or otherwise, that occur within the performance of any uniformed Officer's official duties. These interactions include pedestrian and vehicle stops, calls for service at businesses, schools and private homes, and motorist assists. With few exceptions Officers will be required to record all law enforcement related contact with the public. There are limited circumstances under which an Officer will be allowed to turn off their body-worn camera, even if a citizen requests the Officer to do so.

While residents may ask police not to film inside their homes, a Supervisor may need to respond to the scene to evaluate if it is appropriate to comply with the request. Officers may be directed to keep recording during an emergency, a criminal investigation or if police suspect that they may be confronted with physical force.

Citizens should be aware that any recordings captured by body-worn cameras are potentially a public record. The release of recordings to the media, or any person, shall be made in accordance with current New Jersey Attorney General's Directives, and pursuant to requirements of applicable law, including but not limited to the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA). The video may contain audio and/or visual redactions to protect the privacy of people captured in the videos, and other protected material. However, such redactions will not affect the depiction of events.

Body-worn cameras will generally not be utilized by Detectives and Administrative Personnel, except during pre-planned arrests, execution of search warrants, when engaged in crowd control at protests, or while deployed as part of a proactive enforcement team. Officers engaged in routine vehicle or foot patrols, community relations events, not specifically involved in a call for service or law enforcement contact with a citizen, will generally not have their cameras recording. The Department does not have any current plans to use facial recognition technology in connection with body-worn camera video. The Glen Rock Police Department body-worn camera policy is posted under the "Policies and Procedures" link on our website www.glenrockpolice.com.