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Abingdon Police Department	Shall record, but are not limited to: call for service; traffic stops when the in-car video system is not working correctly or the officer wishes to obtain a second camera view; during any other time the officer feels as though a video or audio recording would be of importance at a later date.	Unclear - shall be policy to equip each officer when practical and available.	Until incident concluded. If discontinued, reason must be audibly documented.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Prohibition only regarding the recording of other officers.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.
Aquia Harbour Police Department	Generally at the discretion of the officer, however, activation is strongly encouraged for the following: traffic stops; suspicious incidents or any other incident where officer safety may become an issue (i.e., building searches, alarms, etc.); domestic violence situations; any incident which may lead to an arrest (i.e., drunk in public, etc.); on scene investigative interviews with victims/witnesses to include their present location or agency vehicles. Officers are encouraged to activate their BWCs upon arrival and while securing the scene pending the arrival of the investigator or evidence technician.	Unclear - officers expected to wear when available to them. (Response notes that there are 7 officers and 3 BWCs. Officers wear the BWC "as available.")	Once activated, the camera shall not be turned off mid-altercation. It may, however, be intermittently re-started to keep tape segments short. In addition, officers are encouraged to activate their BWC upon arrival at a crime scene and keep it active while securing the scene, pending arrival of the investigator or evidence technician.	No requirement in policy. Policy notes one party consent state, but encourages officers, if asked, to explain the camera and its purpose.	No requirement in policy. Only states BWCs cannot be directed through windows of residential dwelling.	Officers encouraged to activate BWCs at crime scenes, including the recording of victim.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Ashland Police Department	Shall activate when interviewing suspects of crimes, during field sobriety tests, traffic stops, in any other instance where the emergency lights are activated, or the officer deems it useful for later judicial proceedings. Will activate when vehicle warning devices are in use and shall activate for traffic stops, field interviews, other enforcement actions and, where possible, when interviewing suspects where DUI stops are possible, or when suspect placed in custody if data would prove useful in later judicial proceedings (i.e. domestic disturbances) and the circumstances at crime and accident scenes or other events such as the confiscation and documentation of evidence or contraband.	Unclear - just refers to officers assigned a camera.	Until enforcement action is completed.	No requirement in policy regarding non-suspects. Policy states that officer has no obligation to inform a suspect of the recording.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.
Bedford Police Department	Shall activate when exiting vehicle for a call and with any citizen contact. Shall record all traffic stops and any incident that falls into the receiving range of the BWC.	All officers are equipped with the BWC.	Once activated all events shall be recorded.	No requirement in policy. Policy notes Virginia is a one party consent state.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Only specifically protects against secretly recording other law enforcement personnel.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Berryville Police Department	Will use during law enforcement-related encounters and activities that occur while on duty, including interviewing suspects of crimes, conducting field sobriety tests, performing traffic stops, establishing probable cause for pedestrian stops and detentions, arrests, conducting searches, citizen contacts that turn adversarial, or any situation, condition, or event having a potential for loss of life, injury, or damage to property.	Unclear - states that all officers will be trained.	Shall not be deactivated until the enforcement action is completed.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Only specifically protects against secretly recording other law enforcement personnel.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.
Blackstone Police Department	Shall record all contacts with citizens in the performance of official duties where the recordings are consistent with this policy and the law.	Unclear - just refers to officers.	Until the enforcement action or investigation is completed. If officer fails to use the BWC, then they must explain why the recording was not made, was interrupted, or was terminated.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Only specifically protects against secretly recording other law enforcement personnel.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Brunswick County Sheriff's Office	Will be activated during: all traffic stops (except if Selective Enforcement and dash cam is in use); all calls for service; any other situation the deputy deems appropriate to give an accurate depiction of an event. When possible, deputies should record violence, confrontation, crime scene, and transportation of combative persons, juveniles, and members of the opposite sex (if the dash cam is not working or available).	Unclear - limited to trained deputies.	Will ensure use at the time of: arriving on the scene of all calls for service; all traffic stops (at the point of initiation through conclusion - when driver drives away), vehicle pursuits and searches, suspected DUI (recommended when deputy first observes erratic driving and conclude when police action finished and use, when safety permits, for field sobriety tests), interviewing all suspects/witnesses, any other law enforcement action. Once recording it shall record until completion of incident. Exceptions: order from supervisor to stop recording, directing traffic or assisting with traffic control, parked behind disabled vehicle or waiting for wrecker following accident investigation, providing a funeral escort, deputy no longer sees a legitimate purpose for documenting because it was determined to be a civil issue (and deputy shall verbally state "civil issue" on the BWC), or when conditions make it unsafe or impossible to activate the BWC. If incident not recorded the deputy must give a detailed reason why.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Deputy will record when interviewing witnesses.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Chesapeake Police Department	Shall activate during each citizen encounter related to a call for service, enforcement action, traffic stop, and/or police service. Additionally, tactical activities such as, building searches, vehicle searches, searches for suspects, missing persons, handling of evidence, and building checks at alarms shall be recorded. School Resource Officers (SROs) may only activate in cases of suspected criminal activity or when assisting school personnel in matters that may result in disorderly or otherwise disruptive behavior in the school environment.	Unclear - all sworn officers are trained.	For the duration of the incident, including transporting and processing at jail.	Shall inform as soon as practical and safe.	No requirement in policy.	Shall record taking a victim statement.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	SROs may only activate in cases of suspected criminal activity or when assisting school personnel with matters that may result in disorderly or otherwise disruptive behavior in the school environment.
Chincoteague Police Department	Shall use when interviewing suspects of crimes, field sobriety tests, traffic stops, establishing probable cause for pedestrian stops and detentions, or any situation, condition, or event having a potential for loss of life, injury, or damage to property.	Unclear - just refers to officers.	Not deactivated until the enforcement action is completed.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Only specifically protects against secretly recording other law enforcement personnel.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Colonial Heights Police Department	Shall activate whenever there is a potential for dealing with a suspect of a crime, including, but is not limited to, traffic stops, suspicious person contacts, or calls for service. May activate whenever the officer feels its use would be beneficial to his/her police duties.	Unclear - officers assigned a camera.	Until the police action is complete.	No requirement in policy.	Yes, but only if there is no reasonable suspicion that a crime is being committed, has been committed, or is about to be committed, or that evidence of a crime is present. No notice requirement.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Officers prohibited to film confidential informants.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.
Danville Police Department	Will record all contacts with individuals in the performance of enforcement actions, potentially adversarial contacts, or at any time that the officer reasonably believes the recording would be beneficial to the administration of justice, including, but are not limited to: consensual encounters on the street, telephone conversations with agitated individuals, or emotionally charged incidents or situations.	Unclear - refers to trained uniformed officers and plain clothed officers while conducting law enforcement activities that could reasonably result in contacts outlined in the policy.	Until the event is completed in order to ensure the integrity of the recording unless the contact moves into an area restricted by this policy. If an officer fails to activate the BWC, fails to record the entire contact, or interrupts the recording. the officer shall document why a recording was not made, was interrupted, or was terminated.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy. Policy does note that BWCs generally may not be used in any location where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy, but lists a restroom and locker room as examples. For purposes of this analysis, the ACLU of Virginia does not find the protection exists unless specifically noted.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Only specifically protects against secretly recording of members of the department, unless authorized by Chief.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Office	Shall activate whenever there is a potential for dealing with a suspect of a crime, including, but is not limited to, traffic stops, suspicious person contacts, or calls for service. The BWC may also be activated whenever the deputy feels its use would be beneficial to his/her sheriff's office duties.	Unclear - limited to trained officers.	Once the camera is activated to the event mode, it shall remain on until the deputy's action is complete.	No requirement in policy.	Yes, but only if there is no reasonable suspicion that a crime is being committed, has been committed, or is about to be committed, or that evidence of a crime is present. No notice requirement.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Officers prohibited to film confidential informants.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.
Drakes Branch Police Department	Shall use when interviewing suspects of crimes, field sobriety tests, traffic stops, establishing probable cause for pedestrian stops and detentions, or any situation, condition, or event having a potential for loss of life, injury, or damage to property.	Unclear - just refers to officers.	Until enforcement action is complete.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Only specifically protects against secretly recording other law enforcement personnel.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.
Farmville Police Department	Shall use during high risk and/or volatile situations and may use during interviews with suspects, field sobriety tests, traffic stops, establishing probable cause for pedestrian stops and detentions, or any situation, condition or event having a potential for loss of life, injury, or damage to property.	Unclear - just refers to officers.	Until enforcement action is complete.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Only specifically protects against secretly recording other law enforcement personnel.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Ferrum College Police Department	Are activated during all calls for service and law enforcement-related encounters and activities, including: interacting with a visibly intoxicated person(s); interacting with a person(s) who are using abusive or profane language; interacting with a person(s) is acting aggressively or abusive towards the officer or others; handling a situation where there is disorderly conduct; conducting a field interview with suspicious person or trespasser; when it appears that a physical arrest may have to be made; conducting a lawful search subsequent to a violation of law; responding to a serious emergency or crisis situation that should be documented; and all traffic stops.	Unclear - just refers to officers.	Only deactivate at the conclusion of the event or with supervisor approval or at the request, when interviewing victims, witnesses or obtaining information from persons who wish to remain anonymous.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Yes - at request of victim.	Yes - at request of person who wants to be anonymous.	Yes - at request of confidential informant (if wish to be anonymous).	If deactivated for any reason by the officer this reason will be noted on the recording before it is turned off and documented in the report.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Frederick County Sheriff's Office	Deputy may self-initiate a recording of any event.	Unclear - just refers to deputies.	Recording should be continued until the completion of the incident. If for any reason the recording is discontinued, the reason should be properly documented.	Deputies may inform subjects that recording equipment is in use, if they feel it will be beneficial in resolving an incident. Deputies will inform any person who asks if BWC is in use.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy. Deputies are not required to discontinue recording at the request of anyone other than a superior deputy.	No requirement in policy. Deputies are not required to discontinue recording at the request of anyone other than a superior deputy.	No requirement in policy. Deputies are not required to discontinue recording at the request of anyone other than a superior deputy.	No requirement in policy. Deputies are not required to discontinue recording at the request of anyone other than a superior deputy.	No requirement in policy. Deputies are not required to discontinue recording at the request of anyone other than a superior deputy.	No requirement in policy. Deputies are not required to discontinue recording at the request of anyone other than a superior deputy.	No requirement in policy. Deputies are not required to discontinue recording at the request of anyone other than a superior deputy.
Galax Police Department	Shall record all contacts with citizens in the performance of official duties.	Unclear - refers to trained personnel and primarily for uniformed personnel.	Until event is completed, unless contact moves into area restricted by this policy.	No - officers <i>may</i> inform.	No requirement in policy. Policy does note that BWCs may not generally be used in any location where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy, but lists a restroom and locker room as examples. For purposes of this analysis, the ACLU of Virginia does not find the protection exists unless specifically noted.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Generally not used.	No requirement in policy.	This policy does not govern the use of surreptitious recording devices used in undercover operations.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Gordonsville Police Department	Shall be activated at the initiation of any interaction having the potential to result in enforcement actions taken by GPD Patrol Officers. And, when interaction with the public will potentially result in further enforcement action, or any situation, condition, or event having the potential for loss of life, injury, or damage to property. And, is to be used to document events, actions, or statements made during interviews, arrests, or critical incidents.	Unclear - just refers to patrol officers.	Until the enforcement action is completed or the camera reaches the end of battery life, whichever comes first.	No requirement in policy.	No policy - officers encouraged to use when responding to domestic calls.	No policy, but officers encouraged to use when responding to domestic calls and is to be used to record interviews.	No policy, but to be used to record interviews.	No policy, but to be used to record interviews.	No requirement in policy.	Only specifically protects against secretly recording other law enforcement personnel.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.
Greene County Sheriff's Office	Shall activate their BWCs on all calls for service and self-initiated enforcement activities.	Appears all on duty uniformed officers.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Halifax Police Department	BWCs to be turned on during all calls for service and law enforcement-related encounters and activities. Required uses: interacting with a visibly intoxicated person or a person who is using abusive or profane language or who is acting aggressively or abusive towards the officer or others; handling a situation where there is disorderly conduct; conducting a field interview with suspicious person or trespasser; when a physical arrest may have to be made; conducting a lawful search subsequent to a violation of law; responding to a serious emergency or crisis situation that should be documented; all traffic stops. If fail to do so, officer will immediately report the circumstances to his/her supervisor at the end of the incident and document why the event was not recorded.	Each trained patrol officer.	Under normal circumstances, once a decision has been made to record an event, an officer may not stop the recording prior to the completion of the event/citizen encounter, unless directed to do so by a supervisor. In rare cases, circumstances may dictate that an officer inhibit the video portion by shielding the lens for modesty/privacy concerns. However, only if practical and only when safety permits. If officer safety does not permit such an action, the officer shall continue recording.	Officers may inform subjects that they are being recorded unless doing so would be unsafe or impractical. If asked whether they are recording an event, officers are required to be truthful.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Hampton Police Department	All non-casual interactions with the public in the performance of their duties shall be recorded. Shall be utilized during all citizen contacts to include investigative or enforcement functions (e.g., pedestrian and vehicle stops, consensual encounters, calls for service.) To include any statements made by witnesses and suspects at the scene. Nothing in the policy prohibits officers from activating the BWC whenever they deem its use appropriate.	Unclear - just refers to trained officers.	As soon as practical through completion of the event or until they have left the scene. This is to include the recording of any statements made by witnesses and suspects at the scene.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy. Policy does note that BWCs may not generally be used in any location where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy, but lists a restroom and locker room as examples. For purposes of this analysis, the ACLU of Virginia does not find the protection exists unless specifically noted.	No requirement in policy.	Will record when interviewing witnesses at the scene.	Shall not intentionally record.	No requirement in policy.	Only Division members specifically protected (unless part of investigation) without consent of Chief of Police.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.
Haymarket Police Department	Are to be worn and used at all times during the course of officer's duty and remember they are for the officer's protection as much as anyone else's should an issue come up regarding the officer's performance of his/her duty.	Unclear, but appears all officers - mandatory to wear and use the issued body cameras.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Henrico Police Department	<p>Shall be activated when an officer's contact with a citizen involves actual or potential violations of law, actual or potential suspect(s), or actual or potential verbally or physically aggressive behavior. Examples of circumstances include, but are not limited to, the following: traffic stops; calls involving suspicious vehicles or person; arrests; and/or calls involving mental health consumers. Shall be activated to record any encounter that becomes adversarial after initial contact or in any situation that the officer believes its use would be appropriate to document the encounter. Unless required, officers should not record an encounter with a citizen that is non-confrontational and routine unless an officer has an articulable reason for activating the camera during that encounter.</p>	<p>Unclear - officers assigned a BWC shall wear them while working in uniform, in both on-duty and off-duty capacities.</p>	<p>Once activated, it shall remain activated until: the conclusion of the officer's involvement in that event; the event becomes predominately investigative in nature (for example, the incident has transitioned from an initial or tactical response into a controlled and orderly investigation); an officer reasonably believes that doing so will not result in the loss of critical documentary information; or when directed to do so by a supervisor.</p>	<p>When reasonable, practicable, and safe to do so, officers should advise citizens that the encounter is being recorded.</p>	<p>No requirement in policy. Policy does note that BWCs may not generally be used in any location where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy, but lists a restroom and locker room as examples. For purposes of this analysis, the ACLU of Virginia does not find the protection exists unless specifically noted.</p>	<p>No requirement in policy.</p>	<p>No requirement in policy.</p>	<p>Not permitted to record, unless of evidentiary value then can use audio function.</p>	<p>No requirement in policy.</p>	<p>No requirement in policy.</p>	<p>No requirement in policy.</p>	<p>No requirement in policy.</p>

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Hopewell City Sheriff's Office	Shall activate whenever the Deputy determines there is a need to capture the event, including, but is not limited to, traffic stops, suspicious person contacts, potential volatile situations in or around the courts building. The BWC may also be activated whenever the officer feels its use would be beneficial to his/her official duties.	Unclear - just refers to trained officers.	Once activated, it shall remain on until the event has concluded.	No requirement in policy.	Yes, unless officer lawfully present when there is reasonable suspicion that a crime is being committed, has been committed, or is about to be committed, or that evidence of a crime is present. But, no notice requirement.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Officers prohibited to film confidential informants.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.
Hurt Police Department	Shall activate to record all contacts with citizens in the performance of duties. Shall activate when use is appropriate to proper performance of official duties and where consistent with the policy and law. Officer must document if recording was not made, was interrupted, or was terminated.	Unclear - primarily trained uniformed personnel.	Shall remain activated until the event is completed in order to ensure the integrity of the recording unless the contact moves into an area restricted by this policy.	Should provide notice whenever possible.	May decline to be recorded unless the recording is being made in pursuant to an arrest or search of the residence or the individuals.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Officers shall generally not film confidential informants.	No requirement in policy.	This policy does not govern the use of surreptitious recording devices used in undercover operations.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Isle of Wight County Sheriff's Office	Shall activate to record all law enforcement contacts with citizens in the performance of official duties. Shall activate when such use is appropriate to the proper performance of duties, consistent with policy and law. If failure to activate, fails to record the entire contact, or interrupts the recording, the deputy shall document why a recording was not made, was interrupted, or was terminated.	Unclear - refers to deputies assigned and trained.	Entire contact.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy. Policy does note that BWCs may not generally be used in any location where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy, but lists a restroom and locker room as examples. For purposes of this analysis, the ACLU of Virginia does not find the protection exists unless specifically noted.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Officers shall generally not film confidential informants.	No requirement in policy.	This policy does not govern the use of surreptitious recording devices used in undercover operations.	No requirement in policy.	As a general matter, the body camera shall be rendered inactive while a SRO is on school grounds or at a school-related activity or event, unless there is a legitimate, law enforcement need for a SRO to activate the body camera.
Kenbridge Police Department	Shall activate to record all law enforcement contacts with citizens in the performance of official duties. Shall activate when such use is appropriate to the proper performance of duties, consistent with policy and law. If failure to activate, fails to record the entire contact, or interrupts the recording, the deputy shall document why a recording was not made, was interrupted, or was terminated.	Unclear - refers to primarily uniformed and trained personnel.	Shall remain activated until the event is completed in order to ensure the integrity of the recording unless the contact moves into an area restricted by this policy.	Should provide notice whenever possible.	May decline to be recorded unless the recording is being made pursuant to an arrest or search of the residence or the individuals.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Officers shall generally not film confidential informants.	No requirement in policy.	This policy does not govern the use of surreptitious recording devices used in undercover operations.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Lawrenceville Police Department	Will be activated on: all traffic stops (excludes Selective Enforcement when there is a dash cam already in use; If a traffic stop begins to escalate, both the dash cam and BWC should be used.); all calls for service; any other situation the officer deems appropriate to give an accurate depiction of an event. Whenever possible, officers should utilize their BWC equipment to record: any acts of hostility or violence when feasible; any confrontational citizen or violator contact; the circumstances at a crime scene, accident scenes, or other events, (e.g., confiscation and documentation of evidence or contraband); during the transportation of combative prisoners, juveniles, or members of the opposite sex if there is no dash cam or the dash cam is not working properly.	Unclear - refers to trained personnel.	Officers shall record and not cease recording a required incident unless one of the following conditions exists and the reason must be documented on the video before recording is stopped: the officer receives an order from a supervisor to stop recording; is directing traffic or assisting in some other type of traffic control; is parked behind a disabled vehicle or waiting for a wrecker following an accident investigation; is providing a funeral escort; initiated the recording and no longer sees a legitimate purpose for documenting the activity because it was determined to be a civil issue (deputies shall articulate verbally "Civil Issue" on the BWC recording); when unsafe or impossible to activate the camera.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Longwood University Police Department	Shall use BWCs when available, when interviewing suspects of crimes, field sobriety tests, traffic stops, any interaction with students when handling complaints or investigating complaints, establishing probable cause for pedestrian stops and detentions, or any situation having a potential for loss of life, injury, or damage to property. Shall be activated anytime an officer is handling a complaint, doing follow-up investigations involving students, faculty/staff or members of the general public. Officers responding to calls or assistance with lights and sirens shall activate their camera while en route and while on scene. If an officer fails to record an entire conversation, the officer will note the failure, with an explanation within the narrative of their incident report.	Unclear - refers to officers.	Shall not be deactivated until the enforcement action is completed. Shall record the entire conversation with the subject, unless the conversation transitions to a restricted nature, such as the identification of a confidential informant.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy, but states BWC is to be used for statements made during interviews.	No requirement in policy, but states BWC is to be used for statements made during interviews.	No requirement in policy. States employees shall record the entire conversation unless restricted nature, like the identification of a confidential informant.	No requirement in policy.	Only law enforcement specifically protected (unless authorized by Chief of Police or designee).	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Louisa County Sheriff's Office	Shall record all contacts with citizens while in the performance of official duties. Shall activate when such use is appropriate to the proper performance of duties, consistent with policy and law. If failure to activate, fails to record the entire contact, or interrupts the recording, the deputy shall document why a recording was not made, was interrupted, or was terminated.	Unclear - refers to trained deputies.	Shall remain operating except in situations where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy, such as a restroom, etc. They shall remain activated when an officer is involved in an arrest or search of a residence or individual. Prior to deactivation of a recorded event, the officer shall utilize the camera to record the time, date, and location, and reason the unit is being turned off. At the conclusion of this period, the deputy shall also record the time and date the camera is re-activated. Shall remain activated until the event is completed in order to ensure the integrity of the recording unless the contact moves into an area restricted by this policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy. Policy does note that BWCs may not generally be used in any location where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy, but lists a restroom and locker room as examples. For purposes of this analysis, the ACLU of Virginia does not find the protection exists unless specifically noted.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Officers shall generally not film confidential informants.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Manassas Park City Police Department	Left to discretion of officer, but recommended for: field interviews, investigative stops, confrontational citizen contacts, use of force situations, statements made by suspects, victims and witnesses, advising individuals of the Miranda rights, interrogations, arrests, critical incidents, other legitimate law enforcement contacts.	Unclear - refers to trained officers.	Until incident conclusion or officer leaves the scene.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy. Policy does note that BWCs may not generally be used in any location where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy, but lists a restroom and locker room as examples. For purposes of this analysis, the ACLU of Virginia does not find the protection exists unless specifically noted.	No requirement in policy, but policy states BWC used in part to record statements made by victims.	No requirement in policy, but policy states BWCs used in part to record statements made by witnesses.	Officers shall not use to film confidential informants.	No requirement in policy.	Only law enforcement specifically protected (unless authorized by Office of the Chief)	Prohibited from recording First Amendment activity unless obvious violation of criminal law is occurring or confrontation involving law enforcement is imminent.	No requirement in policy.

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Martinsville Police Department	Unclear from policy - states it will be a priority for the department to do everything possible to capture video and/or audio of use of force incidents as well as other confrontations with citizens. Mandatory use of the body worn video cameras provides undeniable proof that our officers have conducted themselves in a professional manner.	Unclear from policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.
Massanutten Police Department	Will use when conducting investigations and/or interviews with suspects, victims and etc. unless there are legal exceptions.	Unclear - refers to officers.	Unclear from policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Must record, unless legal exception.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.
New Market Police Department	Shall use when interviewing suspects of crimes, field sobriety tests, establishing probable cause for pedestrian stops and detentions, or any situation, condition, or event having potential for loss of life, injury, or damage to property.	Unclear - refers to officers.	When enforcement action is complete.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	In part to record statements made by victims.	In part to record statements made by victims.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Only law enforcement specifically protected.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Newport News Police Department	Shall be utilized during all investigative or enforcement contacts and whenever the officer deems appropriate.	Unclear - refers to trained officers.	As soon as practical through completion of the event or until they have left the scene (unless tactical, safety, or practical reasons dictate otherwise or with supervisor approval at locations with extended wait times). This is to include the recording of any statements made. Applies to additional arriving units. Failure to follow policy must be noted.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy. Policy does note that BWCs generally may not be used in any location where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy, but lists a restroom and locker room as examples. For purposes of this analysis, the ACLU of Virginia does not find the protection exists unless specifically noted.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Shall not intentionally record unless recorded specifically for a criminal investigation.	No requirement in policy.	Only law enforcement specifically protected (unless authorized by Office of the Chief).	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.
Norfolk Police Department	Will use when initiate contact with citizens in the performance of official work-related duties - includes self-initiated or dispatched calls for service. Shall activate when such use is appropriate to the proper performance of duties, consistent with policy and law.	Unclear - refers to trained officers.	Until the event is complete, including when ordered by a supervisor. Officer must note the incident has concluded and the recording will cease (counts if officer clears by radio transmission and audible).	Shall notify whenever practical and safe. Should provide notice when in a home or business.	Officers may turn off when requested - as long as routine police activity. Should capture request on camera.	May decline and decision should be captured on camera.	May decline and decision should be captured on camera.	Generally not used.	Yes, in areas noted here vis-à-vis notice requirement, private home, crime victim, anonymous witness, confidential informant.	This policy does not govern the use of surreptitious recording devices used in undercover operations. Generally not permitted when a search warrant or court order would be required. Cannot be used for criminal investigations of sworn personnel.	No specific prohibition, but officers should not wear cameras at closed door public or private meetings.	No requirement in policy.

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Orange Police Department	Shall activate on all calls for service and any self-initiated enforcement activities utilizing their police powers. Any other activation shall be at the discretion of the officer, and officers shall be prepared to justify why the camera was activated.	Unclear - refers to officers.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Has right to request that the officer turn off the body camera. The request shall be documented on the recording before it is turned off by the officer, and shall be documented in the report.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy other than for victim.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Patrick County Sheriff's Office	Suggested activation: all traffic stops; all calls for service; any situation the deputy deems appropriate to give an accurate depiction of an event. Suggested recording: arriving on scene for all calls for service; traffic stops; vehicle searches; suspected DUI; interviewing suspects or witnesses of a crime; other law enforcement actions deemed necessary by deputy. When possible, deputies should record: acts of hostility or violence when feasible; confrontational citizen or violator contact; the circumstances at a crime scene, accident scenes, or other events; during the transportation of combative prisoners, juveniles, or members of the opposite sex if there is no dash camera or it is not working properly.	Unclear - refers to trained deputies.	Suggested to record until the completion of the incident. Deputy may manually stop the recording at the completion of each incident. Suggested that the deputy not cease the recording of an incident unless one of the following conditions exists: deputy receives an order from a supervisor; deputy is directing traffic or assisting in some other type of traffic control; deputy is parked behind a disabled vehicle or waiting for a wrecker following an accident investigation; deputy is providing a funeral escort; deputy initiated the recording and no longer sees a legitimate purpose for documenting the activity because it was determined to be a civil issue; when unsafe or impossible to activate the camera.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Suggested to use.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.
Pearisburg Police Department	May use when interviewing suspects of crimes, field sobriety tests, traffic stops, establishing probable cause for pedestrian stops and detentions, or any situation, condition, or event having a potential for loss of life, injury, or damage to property.	Unclear - refers to officers.	Shall not be deactivated until the enforcement action is completed.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Only law enforcement personnel specifically protected.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Radford Police Department	Shall use to document interviewing suspects, field sobriety tests, traffic stops, arrests, establishing probable cause for pedestrian stops, detentions, critical incidents and any situation, condition, or event having the potential for loss of life, injury, damage to property.	Unclear - refers to uniformed officers.	Until enforcement action is complete.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Only law enforcement personnel specifically protected.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.
Radford University Police Department	Shall manually activate the recording device when officer exits his/her vehicle for a call and with any citizen contact. Shall record (both visual and audio) all traffic stops and any other incident that falls into the receiving range of the video unit.	All officers.	Once activated, all events will be recorded, both audio and visual.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Only law enforcement personnel specifically protected.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.
Regent University Police Department	Shall record all non-casual interactions with the public in the performance of their duties. And notes during all investigative or enforcement contacts (e.g., pedestrian and vehicle stops, consensual encounters, calls for service, etc.). Nothing in this policy shall prohibit an officer from activating their BWC whenever they deem the use of the camera appropriate.	Unclear - refers to trained officers.	As soon as practical at the onset of a given situation and shall continue to record until the completion of the event or until they have left the scene, except in instances of response to an ongoing crime scene where extended waiting time takes place, recording may be terminated early with supervisor approval. The requirement includes the recording of associated statements. Applies to additional arriving units. Exceptions must be noted.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy. Policy does note that BWCs may not generally be used in any location where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy, but lists a restroom and locker room as examples. For purposes of this analysis, the ACLU of Virginia does not find the protection exists unless specifically noted.	No requirement in policy, but requires the recording of associated statements to investigations.	No requirement in policy, but requires the recording of associated statements to investigations.	Shall not intentionally record unless recorded specifically for a criminal investigation.	No requirement in policy.	Only Department members specifically protected (unless authorized by Office of the Chief and part of criminal or administrative investigation).	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Richlands Police Department	Shall use when interviewing suspects of crimes, field sobriety tests, traffic stops, establishing probable cause for pedestrian stops and detentions, or any situation, condition, or event having a potential for loss of life, injury, or damage to property.	Unclear - refers to officers.	Shall not be deactivated until the enforcement action is completed.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy, but is to be used to document statements made during interviews.	No requirement in policy, but is to be used to document statements made during interviews.	No requirement in policy, but is to be used to document statements made during interviews.	No requirement in policy.	Only law enforcement personnel specifically protected.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.
Roanoke County Sheriff's Office	Shall record all use of force incidents in the jail.	Unclear from policy.	Unclear from policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.
Rocky Mount Police Department	Shall activate prior to arriving on-scene. Shall activate when responding to a scene when they have detained or arrested a person; are attempting to detain or arrest a person; or are likely to detain or arrest a person. Specifics include: traffic stops; pursuits; DUI investigations ; warrant service; investigatory stop; any contact that becomes adversarial in an incident that would not otherwise require recording. In those situations, it may be impractical or unreasonable for officers to activate BWCs before taking police action. Once the immediacy of the situation is over, officers will activate their BWC to record the remainder of the incident. Officers may activate BWCs anytime they believe its use would be appropriate and/or valuable to document an incident.	All trained, uniformed patrol personnel.	Once the camera is activated it shall remain on until the incident has concluded, which occurs when: all arrests have been made and arrestees have been transported; all witnesses and victims have been interviewed; recording may cease if no further law enforcement action is likely to occur (e.g., waiting for a tow truck or a family member to arrive.). There may be instances in which an officer is required to take immediate action to an event that occurs directly in front of them which may not allow time to activate their camera. In these circumstances, the officer shall activate their camera as soon as practical that allows the officer to safely contain the situation.	Notice only applies to recordings of a member of the department. Otherwise, no requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Salem Police Department	Shall activate when he/she exits his/her vehicle for a call and with any citizen contact excluding casual conversation. Officers shall record (both visual and audio) all traffic stops and any other incident that falls into the receiving range of the video unit. May be waived by Chief of Police.	Unclear - refers to trained officers.	Once activated, all events will be recorded, both audio and visual.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Only law enforcement personnel specifically protected.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.
Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office	Should be activated for the following activities: traffic stops (all traffic stops shall be recorded & the operator shall activate the system as soon as possible when observing probable cause or a traffic violation.); suspected driving while impaired (the operator shall activate the system at the point when they first suspect a violation, if field sobriety tests are administered and safety permits, the visual performance of such tests shall be included. Regardless, the audio shall remain on.); motor vehicle searches; motor vehicle crashes (at the discretion of the deputy; other calls for service (the operator should record situations or incidents where the use of such recordings (audio or video) will aid in the documentation of the actions of involved parties); transports (left discretion).	Unclear - trained, authorized personnel based on assignment.	Traffic stops: during the entire stop concluding when the violator drives away; Suspected driving while impaired: if arrested, the recording shall conclude when subject is removed from patrol vehicle at the jail; Motor vehicle searches: during entire search; Motor vehicle crashes: at deputy's discretion; Other calls for service: upon conclusion of the incident or upon arrival at the jail, if an arrest occurs; Transports: operator can record the transport of an adult or juvenile detainee, arrestee, or prisoner & recording shall conclude when the subject is removed from the patrol vehicle at the destination.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Smithfield Police Department	May activate any time the officer believes its use would be appropriate and valuable to document an incident. Every attempt shall be made to ensure all citizen contacts are recorded with the BWC to include, but not limited to: traffic stops; priority responses; vehicle pursuits; suspicious vehicles; arrests; vehicle searches; physical or verbal altercations; use of force incidents; DUI/DUID investigations including field sobriety tests; any call for service involving a crime where the recorder may aid in the apprehension and/or prosecution of a suspect. Transport of any person of the opposite sex the BWC shall be activated. Any other circumstances where the officer believes that a recording of an incident would be appropriate.	Unclear - trained, officers.	Until contact has concluded.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Only law enforcement personnel specifically protected (except with a court order or when authorized by the Chief of Police or designee for the purpose of conducting a criminal investigation or as an administrative function).	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Suffolk Police Department	Shall activate to record during each citizen encounter related to a call for service, law enforcement action, traffic stop, and/or other police service not outlined as prohibited within this policy. This includes all officers responding, primary and secondary or supporting officers. Additionally, tactical activities such as building searches, vehicle searches, searches for suspects, missing persons, handling of evidence, and building checks at alarms shall be recorded. This includes SWAT officers who are issued BWCs when participating in a SWAT operation.	Assigned to all members of Uniform Patrol, Neighborhood Enforcement Team(s), Motor Carrier Unit, Traffic Unit, and any other members or officers as designated by the Chief of Police or his designee.	Recording shall continue until the citizen encounter has ended or the subject has been placed into custody and the arrestee is in compliance with all police commands. In the event that the arrestee becomes non-compliant, the camera shall be reactivated immediately.	No requirement in policy.	A resident may decline to be recorded unless the recording is being made pursuant to an arrest or search of the residence or individuals.	No requirement in policy.	Not permitted to record. But, if a citizen refuses to make a statement because they are being recorded, the officer may discontinue recording and document in accordance with the below direction.	Not permitted to record.	Anytime it is deactivated when otherwise required to record, the officer shall if possible advise first on recording before deactivation, followed by a field contact stating a detailed reason why the termination or interruption occurred. If in doubt, consult supervisor. If supervisor unavailable, record incident.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Use in school clinics and locker rooms is prohibited. School administrators seeking BWC data must make a written request to the relevant SRO.

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Tappahannock Police Department	Events to be recorded include: emergency responses; pursuits; traffic stops; observation of potential DUI offenders prior to stop, performance of field sobriety testing, and transport if arrested; vehicle searches and inventories; any contact with the public in the performance of duty; any other incident where the officer feels the presence of video/audio evidence may be beneficial.	Unclear - officers.	Once recording has begun it should be continued until its completion, if for any reason the recording is discontinued it shall be documented in the report narrative. Officers are not required to discontinue videotaping at the request of anyone other than a supervisor.	Officers will inform any person that they are being recorded if they so ask.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Tazewell County Sheriff's Office	Shall be utilized during all investigative and enforcement contacts, including, but not limited to: emergency response; traffic stops (or anytime the dash cam operator backs up another deputy on a traffic stop); vehicle pursuits; observation of DUI suspects prior to stop, during field sobriety tests and transport if arrested; transportation of all prisoners that are being violent or claiming assault by deputy; vehicle searches or inventories; acts of hostility or physical violence; all domestic situations; any confrontational contact with a citizen/violator; major Crimes Incident/ Crime Scene. Nothing in this policy shall prohibit a deputy from activating their BWCs whenever they deem appropriate.	Unclear - trained deputies	As soon as practical at the outset (ideally upon being dispatched). Once the recording of an incident has been initiated, the recording of both audio and video portions shall continue until the incident is concluded, unless tactical, safety or practical reasons dictate otherwise. If for any reason the recording is discontinued, the reason will be audibly documented on the videotape. Includes recording of associated statements. Additional arriving units shall follow this requirement.	May inform the person if deputy feels it will be beneficial to do so.	Deputies will not discontinue videotaping at the request of anyone other than a supervisor and the reason for that request shall be documented. Policy does note that BWCs may not generally be used in any location where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy, but lists a restroom and locker room as examples. For purposes of this analysis, the ACLU of Virginia does not find the protection exists unless specifically noted.	Deputies will not discontinue videotaping at the request of anyone other than a supervisor and the reason for that request shall be documented	Deputies will not discontinue videotaping at the request of anyone other than a supervisor and the reason for that request shall be documented.	Shall not intentionally record unless recorded specifically for a criminal investigation.	Deputies will not discontinue videotaping at the request of anyone other than a supervisor and the reason for that request shall be documented.	Only Department members specifically protected (unless authorized by Office of the Chief and part of criminal or administrative investigation).	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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University of Virginia Police Department	Shall utilize them to record any and all law enforcement events and citizen contact for law enforcement purposes in which they are participating (which includes conversations occurring during such events or contacts to which the officers are parties or where their presence is otherwise apparent to the parties). Officers must activate their cameras during the following situations unless doing so would be impractical or unsafe: traffic stops and accident investigations; foot pursuits; response or pursuit driving; terry stops and pat downs; all vehicle and subject searches (including vehicle inventories); all law enforcement-related interactions where criminal activity is being actively investigated. Officers shall always err on the side of recording.	All sworn officers (must be trained).	Make all reasonable efforts to ensure BWC is capturing events as accurately and completely as possible: record until law enforcement event or citizen contact is completed, the citizen involved departs, or the officer discontinues his/her participation in the law enforcement event or citizen contact. If officer necessary to disengage BWC, officer should first record a verbal statement citing intention and reason(s) to stop the recording, and any other pertinent information, and notify supervisor so circumstances can be properly documented. In the event of any officer involved use of force, no officer present at the scene shall disengage his/her camera until directed to do so by a supervisor.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy. Policy does note that BWCs generally may not be used in any location where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy, but lists a restroom and locker room as examples. For purposes of this analysis, the ACLU of Virginia does not find the protection exists unless specifically noted.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Not permitted to record.	No requirement in policy.	This policy does not govern the use of surreptitious recording devices used in undercover operations.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Virginia Commonwealth University Police Department	Shall activate to record all contacts with citizens in the performance of official duties. Officers may exercise discretion in activating their camera during non-law enforcement contacts such as those related to providing basic assistance or directions to citizens, engaging in community policing events, and merchant checks. Should an officer be unsure as to whether or not they should activate the camera, the officer shall always err on the side of recording.	Officers and sergeants assigned to patrol activities (e.g. day, evening, midnight, Power shifts and Traffic officers) shall be issued BWC equipment on a daily basis. Off-duty officers shall be issued BWC equipment on a case-by-case basis according to equipment availability and/or nature of the overtime event.	Camera shall remain activated until the event is completed in order to ensure the integrity of the recording unless the officer moves into an area restricted by this policy. If an officer fails to activate the camera, fails to record the entire contact, or interrupts the recording, the officer shall document why a recording was not made, was interrupted, or was terminated. This shall be documented in the report as well as on the actual BWC footage through the use of the microphone.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy. Policy does note that BWCs may not generally be used in any location where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy, but lists a restroom and locker room as examples. For purposes of this analysis, the ACLU of Virginia does not find the protection exists unless specifically noted.	Cannot record victim statements regarding crimes of a sexual nature, unless directed by a supervisor.	Cannot record witness statements regarding crimes of a sexual nature, unless directed by a supervisor.	Not permitted to record.	No requirement in policy.	This policy does not govern surreptitious recording devices used in undercover operations.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Warrenton Police Department	Are to be used to record interactions with citizens that fall outside the parameters given for dash cam use, during encounters that may become controversial, adversarial or confrontational and the dash cam is not activated or effective. (Dash cam is to be used to record the actions and speech of suspects during field interviews, vehicle stops, field sobriety testing, arrests and investigative detention, field searches and domestic disturbance calls, as well as to record crime and accident scenes, or other events such as the confiscation and documentation of evidence or contraband. The presumption is that all of the above incidents should be recorded, unless it is not possible.)	Each officer.	No requirement in policy (though it notes dash cams will not be deactivated until enforcement action is completed).	Notice only applies to recordings of a member of the department. Otherwise, no requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Just vis-à-vis recording other members of the department.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Waynesboro Police Department	Will activate when responding to calls for service and during law enforcement related encounters and activities such as traffic stops, arrests, searches, interrogations, pursuits, and when responding to potentially adversarial contacts or at any time that the department member believes the recording would be beneficial to the administration of justice, including but are not limited to, consensual encounters on the street, telephone conversations with agitated individuals, or emotionally charged incidents or situations.	Department members serving in an enforcement capacity. Department members who have been trained to use cameras and are working in "plain clothes" or his/her "uniform of the day" are strongly encouraged to utilize the camera while engaged in enforcement or investigatory activities if it does not compromise the confidentiality of the activity.	Camera shall remain activated until the event is completed in order to ensure the integrity of the recording unless the contact moves into an area restricted by this policy. If a department member fails to activate the camera, fails to record the entire contact, or interrupts the recording, the department shall document why a recording was not made, was interrupted, or was terminated.	Notice only applies to recordings of a member of the department. Otherwise, no requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Discretion to not film - must document on camera and/or in a crime incident report his or her reasons for not activating or turning off the camera.	Discretion to not film - must document on camera and/or in a crime incident report his or her reasons for not activating or turning off the camera.	Discretion to not film - must document on camera and/or in a crime incident report his or her reasons for not activating or turning off the camera.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.
West Point Police Department	Shall activate the BWC to record all contacts with citizens in the performance of official duties.	Trained officers in uniform and on duty (primarily uniformed).	If an officer fails to activate the camera, fails to record the entire contact, or interrupts the recording, the officer shall document why a recording was not made, was interrupted, or was terminated.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy. Policy does note that BWCs generally may not be used in any location where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy, but lists a restroom and locker room as examples. For purposes of this analysis, the ACLU of Virginia does not find the protection exists unless specifically noted.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Generally not used.	No requirement in policy.	This policy does not govern the use of surreptitious recording devices used in undercover operations.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.

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Wintergreen Police Department	Discretion of officer, however required for traffic stops, suspicious incidents and any incident where officer safety may become an issue, domestic violence situations, incidents that may lead to arrest, on scene interviews with victims and witnesses.	Unclear - officers.	Make recorded announcement prior to contact to establish venue, date, time, type of incident. Encouraged to activate prior to arrival and while securing the scene.	No requirement in policy.	Not directed through windows of residential dwelling. Policy does note that BWCs generally may not be used in any location where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy, but lists a restroom and locker room as examples. For purposes of this analysis, the ACLU of Virginia does not find the protection exists unless specifically noted.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.
Woodstock Police Department	Shall record: pedestrian and vehicular detentions and stops, observed unlawful conduct, use of force incidents, high-risk situations, advising individual of Miranda warnings, statements made by suspects, victims, or witnesses, motor vehicle searches, area canvasses or K-9 searches, physical arrest of persons, serious or fatal motor vehicle accidents, property damage regarding motor vehicle accidents, observed items of evidentiary value, any other legitimate law enforcement activities.	Unclear - trained officers.	As soon as practical once officer determines that the incident is to be recorded under this policy. Recording shall remain until incident reaches its conclusion or officer leaves the scene.	Notice only applies to recordings of a member of the department. Otherwise, no requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Recording must be authorized by supervisor.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Cannot record unless reasonable suspicion of criminal activity or to serve any other legitimate law enforcement purposes.	No requirement in policy.

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York / Poquoson Sheriff's Office	Shall record all contacts with citizens in the performance of official duties. If a Deputy fails to activate, fails to record the entire contact, or interrupts the recording, the officer shall document why a recording was not made, was interrupted, or was terminated.	Unclear - primarily to uniformed personnel. Must be trained to use.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy. Policy does note that BWCs may not generally be used in any location where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy, but lists a restroom and locker room as examples. For purposes of this analysis, the ACLU of Virginia does not find the protection exists unless specifically noted.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.	Generally not used.	No requirement in policy.	This policy does not govern the use of surreptitious recording devices used in undercover operations.	No requirement in policy.	No requirement in policy.