



Compensation Board

Body Worn Camera Activities Update, 2020

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Background/Summary

- 120 Commonwealth's Attorneys' Offices; 87 in localities with BWC's deployed.
- Approximately 8,782 BWCs among all law enforcement agencies within the 87 offices in FY20
 - Approximately 3,729 of BWCs or 42% are deployed in offices with a population of **less than** 100k and approximately 5,053 BWCs or 58% are deployed in offices with a population of **more than** 100k
 - Approximately 6,110 BWCs or 70% are deployed in localities in the Central, Northern, and Hampton Roads regions.
- Preliminary data collection in fall, 2019 – 42% of offices provided 1st quarter data.

FY20 Data Collection

- 48 offices (55% of those with BWCs implemented in their localities) have provided data reporting in FY2020
 - Those offices reporting data are from localities with approximately 70% of the BWC's deployed among law enforcement agencies in FY20
 - Among larger localities (populations 35,000 and above), approximately 68% of offices where BWCs are deployed reported data for FY20
 - While all offices did not report all quarters, 75% of offices reporting provided data for between 2 and 4 quarters of FY20.
- Average number of hours of BWC footage reported each quarter totaled 35,559 hours across 46 offices, or approximately 11,853 hours of BWC footage received per month
 - Average of 1,069 hours spent on redacting videos, or approximately 356 hours per month redacting (representing that approximately 3% of video time received required redacting).



Local Funding Support

- Of the 87 Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices in localities with BWCs, 63 offices (72.4%) received funding in FY20 for full-time and part-time staff or other non-personal services funding to support workload from BWCs, and about 20% of offices had agreed to receive no funding from their locality to support BWCs
 - Localities provided approximately \$7.5 million in FY20 to support the impact of BWC workload in Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices through the funding of staff and other salary support.
- While many localities did not provide funding based upon the Appropriation Act language that provides for 1 assistant Commonwealths Attorney per 75 BWCs, the majority of Commonwealth's Attorneys came to alternative agreements with their localities regarding support funding.

State Funding Support

- For FY20, the Commonwealth provided 32 Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney and staff positions (20% of staff need).
- 2020 General Assembly Session approved 29 Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney and staff positions (25% of remaining staff need); unallotted during reconvened 2020 session, not restored during 2020 General Assembly Special Session I
 - Other funding for criminal justice and judicial entities restored during special session.
- 140 Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney and staff positions due statewide in FY21 according to Compensation Board staffing standards at an annual cost of \$5.8 million.



Thank You

- Questions?
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