



# Body Worn Camera Program

Northfield Police Department

City Council Meeting

March 2, 2021



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- BWC for all 24 officers
- Policy governing use and mandated recording of enforcement contacts
- Policy follows Minnesota data practices and privacy laws
- Costs of approximately \$1000/per officer per year.



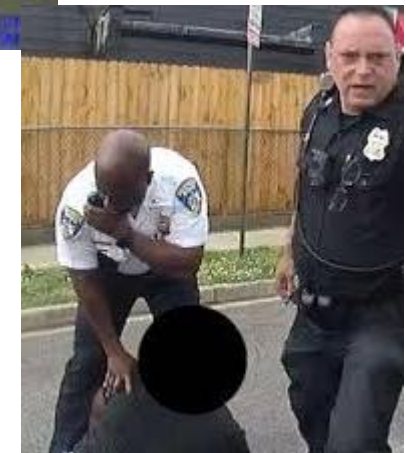
# Police Body Worn Cameras

- Increase community confidence in the work of police officers
- Offer independent video of citizen encounters
- Instill trust in citizens having contacts with police
- Record evidence for later review
  - Prosecution, Complaints, Supervision



# Recording of the Officers Work

- BWC's record the officers doing their work
- Helps to ensure officer are meeting department expectations and community standards
- Allows supervisors to review the officers work when the supervisor is not present
- Recordings protected by MN data practices laws

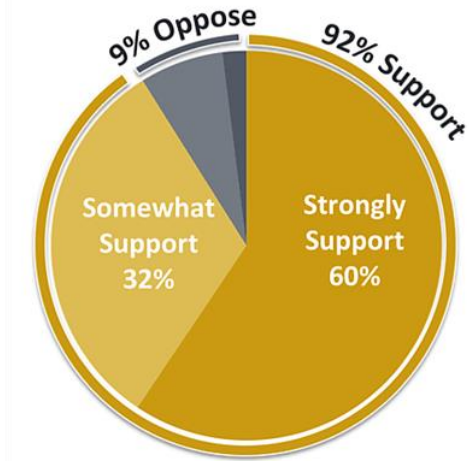


# Meeting Societal Expectations

- BWC Use has become the norm for many departments and several states have mandated their use by all departments.
- Peer departments are using them including Farmington, Rosemount, Hastings, Red Wing, Faribault, and both the Dakota and Rice County Sheriff's Departments
- Suggested best practice by MN DPS, LMC, DOJ, NAACP, ACLU, IACP, President's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing Task Force
- 100% support from the Northfield Police Policy Task Force.

## Americans Overwhelmingly Support Equipping Police with Body Cameras

*Do you favor or oppose requiring police to wear body cameras to record video of their interactions?*



NOTE: Somewhat oppose, 7%; strongly oppose, 2%.

Californians see the resolution of conflicting stories as the biggest benefit to **POLICE BODY-WORN CAMERAS**:



81%

of Californians across gender & generation see body-worn cameras as a benefit **both to citizens & police**

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# Public Comment

- MN State Statute 626.8473 requires the opportunity for public comment
- Comments could be submitted electronically prior to this meeting, or verbally during today's council meeting
- Department BWC Policy was placed in agenda items available online



# Wrap Up

