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**BODY WORN CAMERA AND DIGITAL
EVIDENCE MANGEMENT SYSTEM**



**CRITICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR BODY WORN CAMERAS
AND DIGITAL EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**



Thank you for your interest in the Safariland® VIEVU® LE5 LITE™ system. Please find enclosed relevant information to assist as you deliberate the purchase of a body worn camera, and how LE5 LITE addresses your most important considerations.



The LE5 LITE is the most affordable and easy-to-operate body worn camera and evidence management system on the market. With LE5 LITE, it's now possible for *every officer* to have their own body worn camera, and for *every agency* to have a secure, cloud evidence management platform to store, manage and analyze their evidence data.

WHY INVEST IN A BODY WORN CAMERA AND VIDEO EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM?

Multiple factors are driving the adoption of body worn cameras and digital evidence management systems by agencies, the most important of which is protecting the officer's physical and mental well-being. Through recording incidents involving use of force, providing recorded evidence to facilitate the investigation of internal complaints, and increasing transparency for police interactions with the community, the use of body worn cameras ensure an officer's perspective and integrity are protected. We've also addressed several additional important considerations for your review in the Overview of Adoption Factors section.

A CAMERA FOR EVERY OFFICER. DIGITAL STORAGE AND MANAGEMENT FOR EVERY AGENCY.

We recognize there are many perceived barriers for small and large agencies to adopting a sustainable and ongoing body worn camera program. They range from the expense of video data storage to security concerns, and a lack of IT infrastructure and technology gaps within agencies, to the complexity and length of time it takes to deploy a digital storage system.

The LE5 LITE body worn camera and digital evidence management system offers a low-cost, fully hosted cloud evidence management system built on Microsoft's Azure Government Cloud to address these concerns. The video evidence management system complies with the FBI's CJIS security standards, is easy to operate, and quick to deploy with a simple website interface.



LE5 LITE BODY WORN CAMERA

1. Simple to operate

Officers report that in the heat of the moment, they need a body worn camera that is simple to use. The LE5 LITE is the easiest camera on the market to operate, with a sliding switch. Simply slide the switch down, and the camera turns on.

2. Accessibility to video and data

Using WiFi, a smartphone and smartphone app (iPhone, Android, Windows), officers have the ability to livestream video, add and update metadata, view recorded videos, and upload smartphone videos. A user-friendly interface makes it easy to quickly search and add cases, videos, and metadata.

3. Weight and durability

Compact and extremely light, the LE5 LITE weighs only 2.6 ounces so it does not impede or weigh-down an officer's movements, yet it's also tough enough to withstand the everyday rigors of patrol. Durable and robust, this body worn camera is operable in all weather conditions, including temperatures ranging from -4°F to 122°F. The LE5 LITE cameras are rugged, and designed to endure drop testing from ten feet onto a hard surface.

4. Undistorted, real-life field of view

The 95 degree lens undistorted field of view accurately represents the police officer's maximum field of view to ensure the integrity of recorded evidence. Wider angle lenses do not correctly represent a realistic representation of distances or human vision; for instance, what can be seen on the periphery of one's field of view.

5. Video storage capabilities

The video storage capacity of the LE5 LITE is 27 hours at Standard Definition resolution, and the raw storage capacity of the body worn camera is 32 GB.

Agencies that follow a "recording during encounter" policy, rather than an "always on" policy reported three hours or less of evidence recorded per shift per officer. The LE5 LITE has a battery life of up to 6 hours at Standard Definition.



VIDEO STORAGE AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

1. Security

The digital evidence management system complies with the FBI's CJIS security standard, and is built on the secure Microsoft Azure Government Cloud. Multiple redundancies provide backup protection and security. The software system supports full chain of custody reporting and audit trails.

2. Secure data transfer and storage

The LE5 LITE body worn camera seamlessly connects to the digital evidence management system to upload, manage and store all of your agency's video, audio and metadata evidence.

In the field, officers can livestream videos and metadata via WiFi using the VIEVU Smartphone App at any time. For officers who prefer to wait until they return to the office at the end of their shift, they can upload and recharge through a connection to an online computer. A 10-unit Multi-Dock station for upload and battery recharge is also available.

3. Add metadata and effortlessly share data

Once the video evidence has been uploaded, the officer is able to add metadata, event details, and additional digital evidence files to the case.

Using the digital evidence management system, agencies have the ability to securely share video and case data across system and non-system users, saving time over the alternative involving downloads to drives and physical delivery of video evidence.

The software system supplies pre-built storage and usage reports for IT and Administration to track data usage.

4. Simple to set up and maintain

The LE5 LITE cloud digital management system is quick to deploy with a call to VIEVU Customer Service. Once setup is complete, the software system will be up and running and accessible for account management and user access.

A reliable and adequate internet connection is required for this system. No additional infrastructure is needed to maintain the LE5 LITE cameras or for software upgrades. Product enhancements are ongoing and automatic, so users will always have the latest features, without having to apply the upgrades. For agencies using Multi-Dock stations, occasional maintenance will be required.

5. **10-Unit Multi-Dock**

A Multi-Dock station adds Ethernet capabilities that allow for automated uploads without a computer. Connected to the department's existing network, the Multi-Dock facilitates the recharge and automatic upload of evidence when a camera is inserted.

6. **Accessories**

Additional camera accessories are available such as alternate attachment clips, car kits, and helmet mounts, among others.

OVERVIEW OF ADOPTION FACTORS

In addition to the primary consideration of officer protection, below is an overview of some of the many advantages to implementing a body worn camera system such as LE5 LITE.

1. **Protect and preserve integrity**

Video and audio footage provides an objective field of view from the officer's perspective, an accurate account of what occurred, what was said, and the exact time and the duration of events. Body worn cameras protect the point-of-view of the officer, and in certain cases, their career, and the reputation of the agency.

2. **Improve officer confidence and morale**

The body worn camera allows officers to react to incidents with more immediacy and confidence. Officers can switch on their body worn camera and trust in this silent partner for the accuracy of recorded conversation and events instead of focusing on taking hand-written notes or tracking details in a complicated situation.

With a digital video recording, internal complaints can be reviewed quickly and questions answered decisively. "Being able to refute a complaint without a doubt has indirectly had an effect on employee morale," said Chief Vince Emrick of the Adrian Police Department in Michigan. "It benefits the officers to know the report was cleared with a finding of "exonerated" instead of "unfounded" or "inconclusive."

3. **Building community trust**

Collecting and retaining video evidence of police interactions with the public provides greater transparency and builds higher levels of trust between law enforcement and their communities. 88% of Americans want police officers to be required to wear body cameras while on duty¹.

4. **Achieve administrative efficiencies**

Agencies have the ability to share evidence and case data 24/7 with stakeholders inside and outside the agency through role-based security. This reduces the administrative time to retrieve evidence, copy it to a disc or a drive, and physically transfer the data.

Body worn cameras and video management systems help to reduce paperwork and the time it takes to do investigations. A study by the U.S. Department of Justice reported a 22.4% reduction in officer time devoted to paperwork and file preparation, due to automation of evidence collection from usage of police body worn cameras². When internal complaints are made, an investigation requiring interviews with complainants may take weeks to complete. Reviewing footage from a body worn camera maximizes efficiencies in resources and time to determine what happened and what was said during an incident.

Camera footage assists in the efficiency and accuracy of report writing, saving police officers' time. Officers upload the footage, add a short narrative, and get back out on patrol.

5. Reduce the incidence of erroneous complaints

In many cases, when complainants are made aware that video of an incident was recorded, they drop the complaint before the paperwork even gets started. Untrue accusations are quickly resolved, freeing officers from filling out forms, so they can return to ensuring the safety of their community. Stopping erroneous complaints prevents unnecessary lawsuits, saving government's and taxpayers' money. Body worn camera video evidence can also be used to refute false claims by the media, and maintain the integrity of officers and agencies.

“Our internal numbers may not seem like much, but from an administrative standpoint the difference has been praise worthy,” said Chief Vince Emrick of the Adrian PD. “In 2014 we took 23 internal complaints. We had purchased and put our cameras to use that spring. In 2015 we handled only 13 internal complaints. In addition to the reduction in complaints, those we did receive could be answered definitively.”

In a study completed at the Oakland Police Department, the agency found a reduction in use-of-force complaints after a body worn camera system was instituted. Complaints fell from 2,200 in 2009 to 572 in 2014 – a 70% reduction³.

6. Increase safety and encourage positive behavior

The body worn camera becomes one more tool to help keep officers safe. In an encounter where officers advise the suspect they are being recorded, knowing there is evidence of the event can result in diffused or a positive change in the behavior of a suspect, and often de-escalate the situation. When citizens understand their actions are being recorded as evidence, the likelihood of public unrest is reduced, resulting in less chance of damage to local businesses and homes.

In a randomized 12-month trial by the University of South Florida involving the Orlando Police Department, the study found a 53% decline in use-of-force incidents when officers used body worn cameras compared to officers without body worn cameras⁴.

7. An effective tool for training

Video footage from body worn cameras can be collected over time, organized, and used to support officer training and the demonstration of best practices in real-world situations.

LE5 LITE OPTIONAL FEATURES

1. Automatic Video Redaction

The Automated Video Redaction platform is a highly advanced video redaction tool that makes it efficient to blur faces and objects across multiple frames of video. The AVR platform is optimized to improve the ability to work with high-movement, low-light conditions and low-resolution videos.

2. Consolidated Evidence Management

The digital evidence management system, VIEVU Solution, enables law enforcement agencies to collect and manage all evidence in a single, integrated platform. In addition to our best-in-class redaction capabilities, the platform includes full integration—via open APIs—with third-party solutions such as CAD, RMS, Active Directory, among many others. It also includes built-in security protocols for video and data at rest and in motion that meet or exceed the FBI's CJIS security standards.

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