

# Fairfax County Police Department

Body Worn Camera Program Stakeholder  
Meeting

September 17, 2020

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# SCHEDULE

- **Introductions–Lieutenant Hines**
- **Phase One BWC Update–Colonel Edwin C. Roessler, Jr.**
- **BWC Updates–September 21, 2020**
  - **COVID–19 Updates**
  - **Roll–Out Phase 2 and 3**
- **Academic Study Updates–Dr. Brad Bartholomew**
- **Office of the Commonwealth’s Attorney Update**
- **FOIA Updates–FCPD Compliance Division Staff**
- **Questions and Discussion**

# Phase One BWC Update



# BWC PROGRAM UPDATES

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## Phase One

- Implemented on April 28, 2020.
- 416 BWCs deployed to three police district stations. (Mason, Mt. Vernon, Reston)
- Cameras also deployed to specialty units. (Motors Squad, K9, DWI Squad)

## Phase Two

- Scheduled for implementation during FY 2021.
- Funding was included in the FY 2021 Advertised Budget Plan
- Economic Impact of COVID-19, and County budget adjustments have removed Phase Two funding from the FY 2021 Adopted Budget Plan and delayed Phase Two implementation until FY 2022.
- June 9, 2020 Board meeting, staff was directed to identify options to fund Phase Two in FY 2021 as well as develop a timeline and implementation plan for all future phases.



# FCPD BWC Implementation Timeline

- Department is flexible in implementation.
- Requires 90–120 days to obtain equipment, upgrade infrastructure, configure equipment, install hardware, and train officers.
- Mitigates impact on other stakeholders, to include the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, courts, Public Defender's Office, Defense Bar, and Department of Information Technology.
- Allows time to assess impact of more BWCs and any identified stakeholder needs during each rollout phase.

# BWC PROGRAM REVISIONS

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## Phase Two Revised

- Plan will be to ensure remaining five district stations are outfitted. (McLean, Sully, Fair Oaks, West Springfield, Franconia)
  - McLean/Franconia (01/01/21)
  - Fair Oaks/Sully/West Springfield (04/01/21)
  - South County Station (TBD FY2023)

## Phase Three Revised

- Animal Protection Police, MCRC, Special Operations Division, School Resource Officers (July 1, 2021) (FY2022)

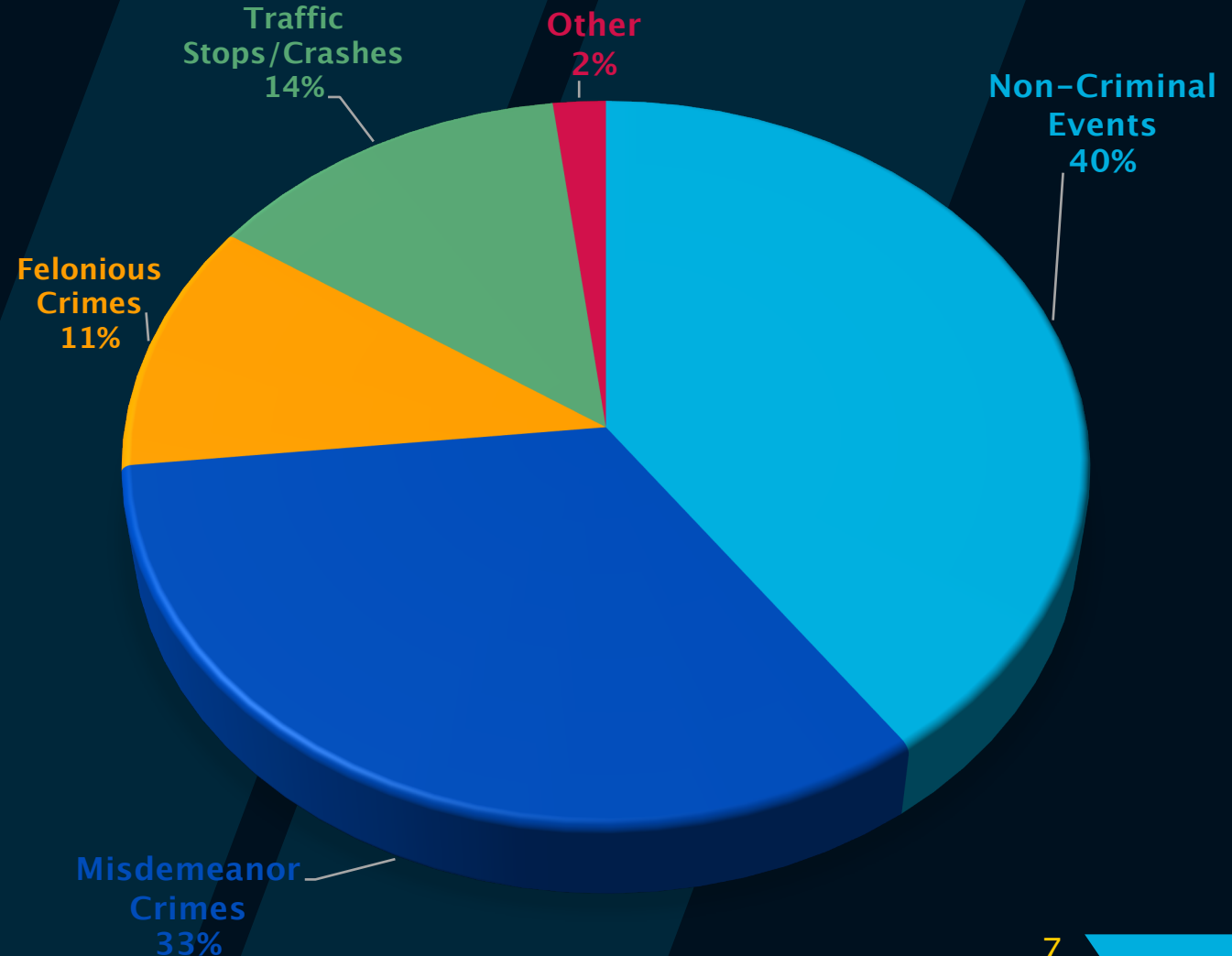


# BWC SNAPSHOT

*Statistics from Apr 28 to Aug 27 (121 days)*

- *416 BWC-Equipped Positions*
- *57,099 Unique Videos*
- *11,438 Hours of Video (1.3 years)*
- *22.2 Terabytes of Data*

## VIDEO CATEGORY



# BWC VIDEO WORKLOAD

*Statistics from Apr 28 to Aug 27 (121 days)*

- *4,297 Evidentiary Videos*
- *1,827 Hours of Video*
- *Avg. of 15 hours/day*

*Projected workload at full deployment of 1210 BWCs*

- *121 hours of evidentiary video/day*



## ACTION-BASED ACTIVATIONS

### Axon Signal Product Testing

#### Signal Sidearm

*Activates BWC upon drawing of firearm*



#### Taser Signal

*Activates BWC upon arming of ECW*

#### Signal Vehicle

*Activates BWC upon activation of vehicle's emergency equipment*



# IN-CAR VIDEO *AXON FLEET*



- Enhanced interoperability between ICV and BWC
- Ease of workflow for officers
- Single point of video storage for videos from both systems



# FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

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## Phase Two Costs

- **Cost to Accelerate Phase Two would require an additional \$3.3 million.**

## Phase Three Costs

- **Cost to Accelerate Phase Three would require an additional \$1.2 million.**
- **\$16.7 million for CWA positions.**

# Recommended Approach



- Advocate for appropriate state funding for CWA offices.
- BOS to put forward a Consideration Item for funding for some level of positions to be included in the FY 2020 Carryover Review and/or the FY 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Review.
- Schedule PSC Meeting for Early Fall 2020 allowing CWA to present their identified needs.
- BOS Staff members to work with CWA to develop justification for any positions included in FY2022 Advertised Budget Plan
- FCPD will then provide an updated phased implementation schedule with timing to be aligned with any revised, approved staffing plans for the CWA office. 12



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# American University Study Update



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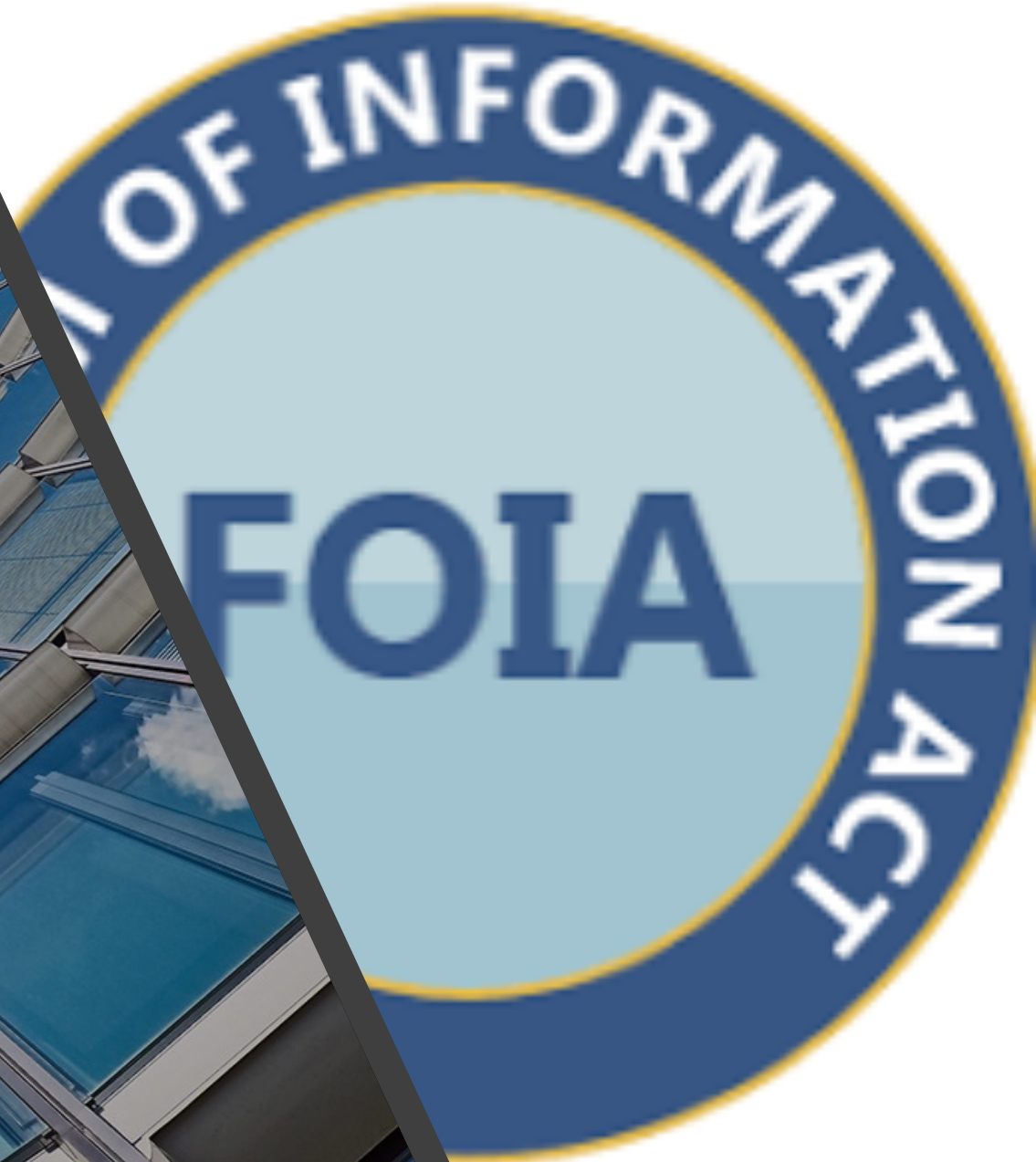
# Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney



- Each phased rollout increases workload for CWA's office.
- Previous 2018 Study recommended one ACA for every 75 BWC deployed. This 2018 study led to an initial recommendation of an additional 15 positions. Study continues with a workgroup under the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security.
- After further in-depth analysis, the CWA's Office has requested the initial recommendation be adjusted to a total of 23 positions for the full implementation of body worn cameras (this would be an increase of 8 positions above the previous estimate).
- In the course of its analysis, the CWA's Office also identified massive staffing shortfalls and broken systems across its previously adopted procedures. As a result, the CWA's Office is requesting an additional 114 positions to ethically and professionally pursue justice in all types of cases.
- A failure of adequate funding for a total of 137 new positions (97 attorneys and 45 administration) would result in an unsettling reduction of caseloads for the CWA's Office.



**FCPD  
Compliance  
Division Update**





# FCPD Compliance Division Updates

- Since 2014, number of requests processed by FCPD Compliance Division has increased by at least 20% annually.
- FCPD Compliance Division processes almost 40% of all County FOIA requests.
- As of September 15, 2020, 2976 FOIA requests have been processed by the Compliance Division.
- Since Phase One of the BWC program was initiated, there have been 127 requests for BWC footage.
- National average time for redaction of video is 8 hours for every 1 hour of video.



# FCPD Compliance Division Updates

- Utilizing the AXON redaction software product, FCPD Compliance Division staff averages 3 hours review/redaction time for each hour of video.
- Proposed FOIA legislation in the General Assembly would potentially open all criminal investigative files, which would result in explosive growth of FOIA requests.
- FCPD Compliance Division will continue to provide accurate estimates on needed staffing to comply with increase in requests.
- A minimum of two (2) county positions are needed, in addition to current staffing, to meet anticipated increase in requests.
- Request to convert two contractor positions to MA2 position.



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# FCPD BWC Program

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