

Do you believe front-line police should be equipped with in-car and body-worn video cameras?



Constable Amber Swift
Hindley Street

Yes, for the safety of front-line officers, I support the idea of in-car and body-worn video cameras. Although, the equipment used in the trial of the body-worn cameras at Hindley Street would need to be reconsidered, as it was impractical for many officers. In-car cameras should be installed in each fleet with personal body-worn cameras remaining optional.



Snr Const 1C Damien Elliott
Elizabeth Traffic

I believe that we should be equipped with cameras, as the courts are not accepting police evidence as readily as they previously did and extra validity would ensure convictions. Also, there would be a drop in complaints against police, and the cameras would show a more professional, modern police department.



Constable Jason Gilchrist
Eastern Adelaide Traffic

I see these cameras as an asset. Solo members have no corroboration and are more susceptible to complaints; cameras can show that members are performing their duties in fairness and within the guidelines of policing. Assault-police offences may reduce as cameras may deter would-be offenders. Ultimately, footage of the offence and identity of offenders can only assist with prosecution.



Constable Peter George
Hindley Street

Yes, given the value of CCTV footage as evidence, I believe not only will cameras assist with shortening matters before the court but also alleviate the problems of some police complaints. If we are to be a modern, motivated and progressive organization, why can we not have CCTV cameras fitted to police vehicles at the very least?



Constable Tim Kassebaum
Hindley Street

I believe that body-worn video is a great tool for operational police. Not only does it provide the ability to obtain evidence, but it also complies with section 74D. CCTV is also a great tool in the ability to successfully prosecute offenders. Body-worn video should be available to all operational police officers, with in-car video being fitted to all police vehicles.



Snr Const Sean Holland
Transit Services Branch

Yes, equipping front-line police with body-worn and in-car video cameras would provide evidentiary value to the court by showing the demeanour and sobriety of offenders involved in street offences. Cameras would also show the conduct of offenders using motor vehicles, and negate accusations of inappropriate behaviour by police.