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Subject: RE: More information about body camera implementation/backlog and use of dash cams
Attachments: [1801 - MVR Equipment.pdf](#)

David,

Good afternoon. The Asheville Police Department placed the order for the body cameras back in March of this year. However, Taser International (the company that produces the body cameras) was experiencing a backlog due the high demand from law enforcement agencies across the country to implement BWCs and they were awaiting for approval from the FCC for their "œaxon signal" technology (the "œaxon signal" is a Bluetooth installed in the police vehicle that turns on the BWC when emergency equipment is activated). As a result of the backlog and technology approval, the Asheville Police Department did not receive the equipment until the week of June 27th. Promptly, upon receipt our Law Enforcement Technology Specialist began preparing the equipment for deployment. We also send out [a message](#) to the Asheville Housing Authority, Residence Council and Racial Justice Coalition regarding the implementation of the thirty-day trial period with the Housing Unit.

The Asheville Police Department currently has 84 vehicles equipped with COBAN (in-car camera). The vast majority of these are in patrol vehicles. The primary reason for not equipping every vehicle with COBAN is budgetary, as units cost approximately \$5,000.00 each. Attached please find APD Policy 1801 " Motor Vehicle Recording Equipment that outlines when COBAN is deployed and what the protocols are for use.

Thank you,

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Good afternoon,

At the Citizens' Police Advisory Commission meeting last Wednesday Chief Hooper mentioned that there had been delays in rolling out the body cameras as planned (starting with the public housing unit) due to a "backlog." Please provide some more information on the nature of this backlog, including what parts or pieces had not arrived by July 1 and how it affected the implementation of this equipment.

Also: how many dash or vehicle cameras does the APD have? What units have them? When are they deployed and what are the protocols for their use?

Thanks for your help,

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