

Program of

Training in Digital Media
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COURSE ON THE USE OF

**BODY-WORN CAMERAS
IN POLICING**



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Class about

BACKGROUND OF THE USE OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS

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Introduction



How Body-Worn Cameras can benefit police officers?

- Better interaction with the community
- Reducing defiance against police
- Reducing police misconduct
- Improving evidence quality

International cases



- UNITED KINGDOM: IT STARTED USING IT IN 2005 AND SINCE THEN ITS USE HAS BECOME WIDESPREAD. THEIR USE IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL FOR IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY AND INCREASING ACCOUNTABILITY.
- USA: IT BECAME COMMON IN SEVERAL CITIES, SUCH AS NEW YORK, LOS ANGELES AND CHICAGO. STUDIES IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE SHOWN THAT THE USE OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS HAS HELPED TO IMPROVE POLICING AND ACHIEVE A GREATER CONFIDENCE AMONG THE POPULATION.

International cases



- CANADA: IT STARTED USING IT IN 2011. SINCE THEN IT HAS BEEN CONSIDERED A SUCCESS IN TERMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY, TRUST AND REDUCTION OF POLICE USE OF FORCE.
- AUSTRALIA: IT STARTED USING IT IN 2014. SINCE THEN, IT HAS BEEN WIDELY ADOPTED ACROSS THE COUNTRY.
- SPAIN: IT STARTED USING IN 2015. THE USE HAS BEEN SEEN AS SUCCESSFUL IN TERMS OF TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND REDUCING POLICE USE OF FORCE.

International cases



- ALTHOUGH INTERNATIONAL CASES DEMONSTRATE THAT THE USE OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS HAS BECOME A COMMON PRACTICE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT EACH COUNTRY ADOPTS THIS POLICY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ITS LOCAL CHARACTERISTICS.
- IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER THAT THESE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES HAVE DIFFERENT PROBLEMS AND STRUCTURES, AND THE USE OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS IS INCORPORATED IN DIFFERENT WAYS, ALTHOUGH WITH SIMILAR PURPOSES.

Key Questions



- FIRST, IT SHOULD BE CLARIFIED THAT THE USE OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS HAS THE POTENTIAL TO IMPROVE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE POPULATION AND THE POLICE OFFICERS.
- THIS HAPPENS DUE TO SEVERAL FACTORS:
 - REDUCING POLICE USE OF FORCE
 - REDUCING VIOLENCE AGAINST POLICE OFFICERS
 - REDUCING DEFIANCE AND ABUSE FROM CITIZENS
 - IMPROVING TRAINING
- ALL THESE CHARACTERISTICS CREATE STRUCTURAL CHANGES, AS THEY FOSTER TRAINING, STANDARDIZATION, AMONG OTHERS..

Implementation Guide

SURVEY OF INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION:

- WHAT ARE THE POLICE OFFICERS' PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES WITH NEW TECHNOLOGIES?
- WHAT TYPES OF CAMERAS WILL BE USED?
- HOW WILL THE CAMERAS BE CONNECTED TO THE AGENTS?
- HOW THE INFORMATION WILL BE DOWNLOADED?



Implementation Guide

DEVELOPMENT OF PROTOCOLS FOR USE:

- HOW WILL THE CAMERAS BE DISTRIBUTED?
- HOW WILL THE TRAINING BE PROVIDED?
- HOW WILL IT BE USED DURING POLICING?
- HOW WILL THE IMAGES BE SUPERVISED?



Brazilian Experiences



- SÃO PAULO
- SANTA CATARINA
- TOCANTINS
- RIO DE JANEIRO

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