

Body-Worn Camera

All uniformed officers of the Ventnor City Police Department are equipped with state-of-the-art body-worn cameras. The public will see the new cameras being worn by police officers working in the Patrol Division.



Body-worn cameras have been effective in memorializing important information during critical incidents. Ventnor City Police Officers are required to activate the body cameras when conducting investigative and enforcement actions such as making an arrest, issuing a summons, searches or stopping a person on the street during an investigation. All officers equipped with body-worn cameras have received training on the devices. The body-worn cameras supplement our existing in-car digital video systems which currently record motor vehicle traffic stops.

Body-Worn Camera footage is like footage from a cell phone camera. The devices are mounted to an officer's uniform. The cameras point away from the officer and will capture images in the camera's field of vision. Citizens who interact with police officers will be recorded on body camera footage.

Body-worn cameras improve transparency among public safety, enhance accountability, reduce complaints against police officers and reduce overall liability for law enforcement agencies. For additional information please click the link below to see the New Jersey Attorney General Law Enforcement Directive # 2021-5 outlining use and implementation of body-worn cameras amongst law enforcement agencies in New Jersey.

https://www.nj.gov/oag/dcj/agguide/directives/ag-directive-2021-5_BWC-Directive.pdf