

**Sample of Law Enforcement & Investigations (LE&I)  
employee assessments of Personal Video Recording Devices  
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Essays in response to survey question:  
*How could LE& I best be improved?*

A LEO wrote – “Seek field-input prior to equipment purchases. Each work unit has unique issues requiring unique equipment. Designating an equipment budget per officer/agent would accomplish this goal.”

A LEO wrote – “The wearable body camera is the latest boondoggle. We told the WO we didn’t want dash cams and to their credit they listened to that. But I got a camera the size of a smartphone that is still in the box and I doubt I will ever use it. Why not test several different models and get feedback from the field? Lots of agencies do this with major purchases.”

A Program Assistant wrote – “Whoever ordered the cameras obviously did not get input from the field because they are very bulky and not easy to use. Not very many of the LEOs use these so it’s pretty much a waste of money.”

A LEO wrote – “The MUVI personal video recorders were absolute junk.”

A Program Assistant wrote – “...last year the WO purchased body worn cameras for the entire LE&I, but in our region, they have been nothing but problematic and simply don’t work. In fact, few officers will even use them. They are a very cheap brand, the batteries won’t hold a charge, and they are large and bulky.”

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