

Virginia Law Enforcement Use of Body Cameras

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Purpose



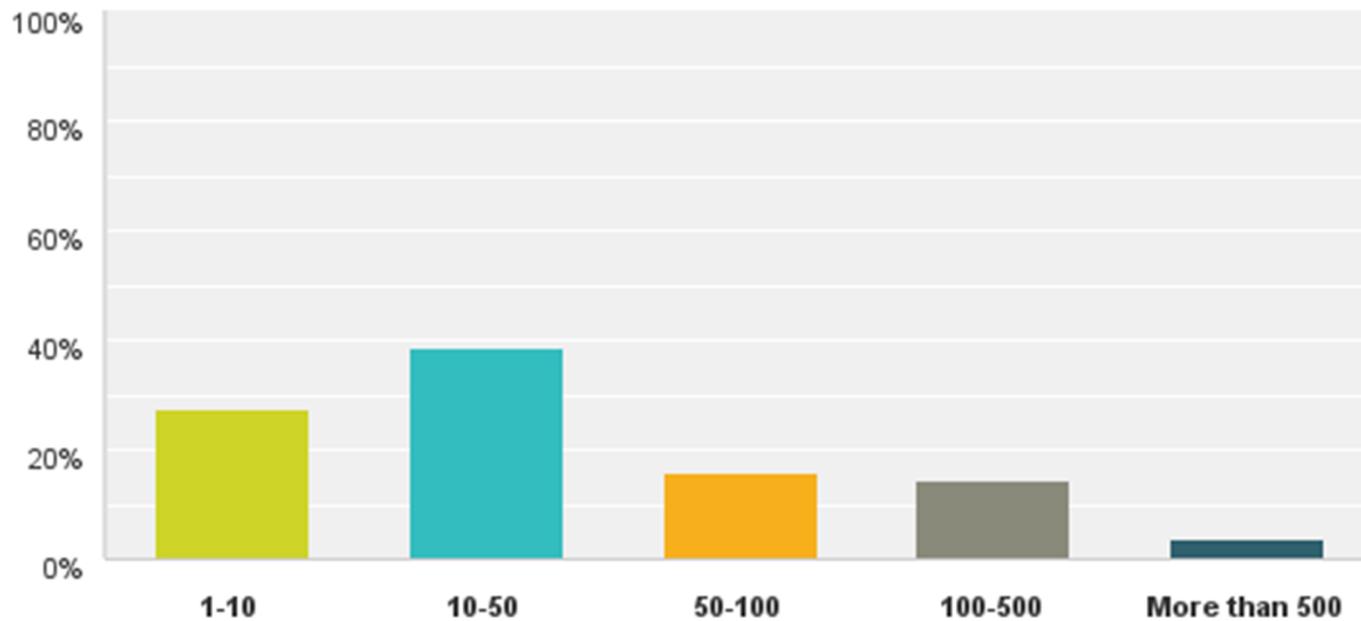
- Survey designed to capture baseline of use of body cameras by Virginia law enforcement agencies
- 7 question survey sent to all police chiefs and sheriffs
- 294 agency responses; based on estimate of 375 state and local law enforcement agencies, response return rate of 78%

Number of sworn personnel



Q2 Number of sworn personnel

Answered: 294 Skipped: 0

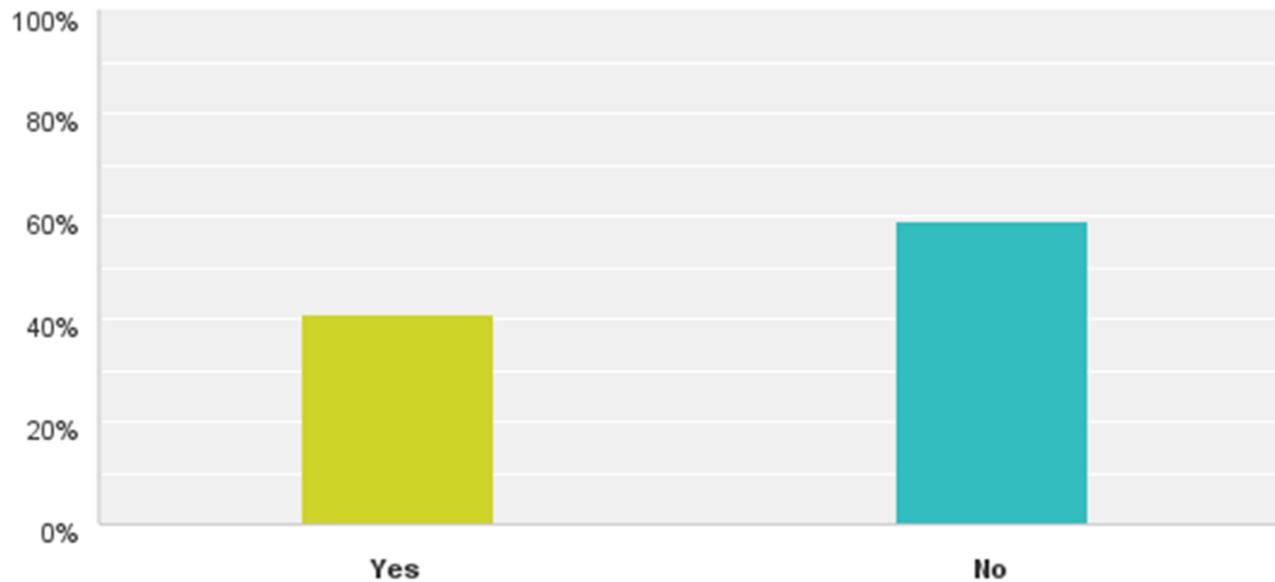


Body Camera Usage



Q3 Do you currently have body cameras for any of your sworn personnel?

Answered: 294 Skipped: 0

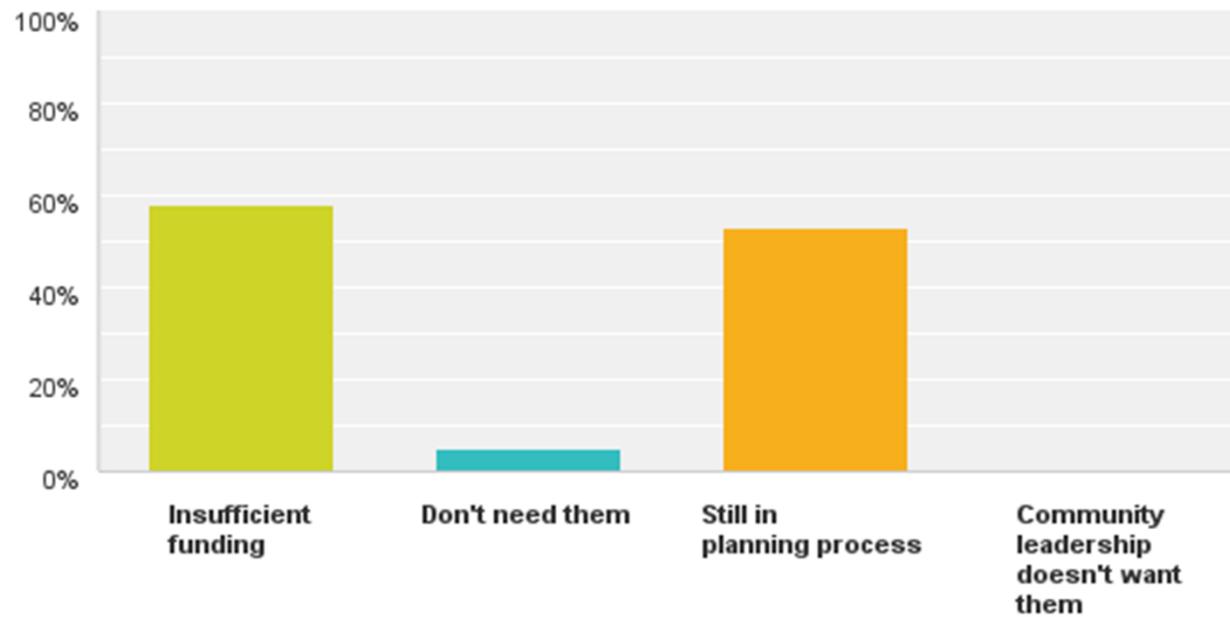


Body Camera Usage



Q4 If you DO NOT have body cameras, why not?

Answered: 160 Skipped: 134



Why Not?



- Waiting on delivery of cameras
- After testing, not pleased with quality
- Insufficient funding for data storage
- Writing grants to fund purchase
- Uncertainty about data management
- No FTE's to plan, implement, manage
- CA not in favor of body cameras

Why Not?



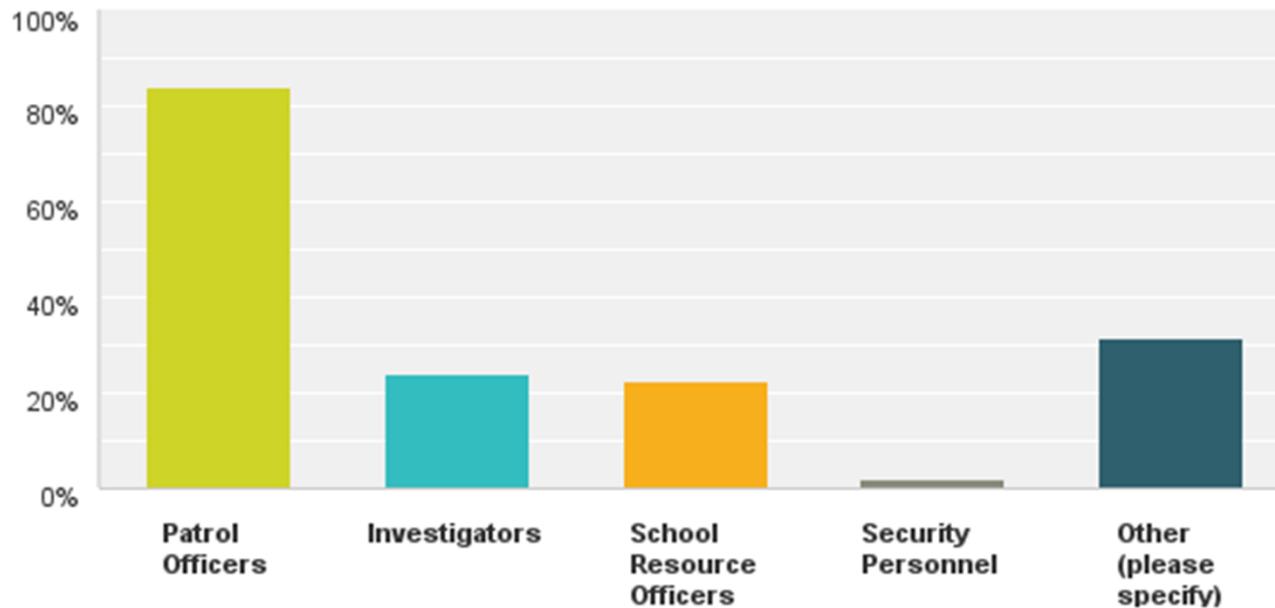
- Unanswered questions about FOIA compliance and redaction responsibilities
- Potential FERPA and HIPAA issues
- Vendor problems w/software reliability; had to return equipment, start over
- Locality didn't approve funding request
- Just getting in-car camera system

Deployment



Q5 If you DO have body cameras, how are they deployed?

Answered: 137 Skipped: 157



Other Uses



- Organized crime and fugitive units
- Corrections/Jail deputies
- CIT officers
- Command staff
- Animal control officers
- Parking enforcement
- Civil process servers

Other Uses



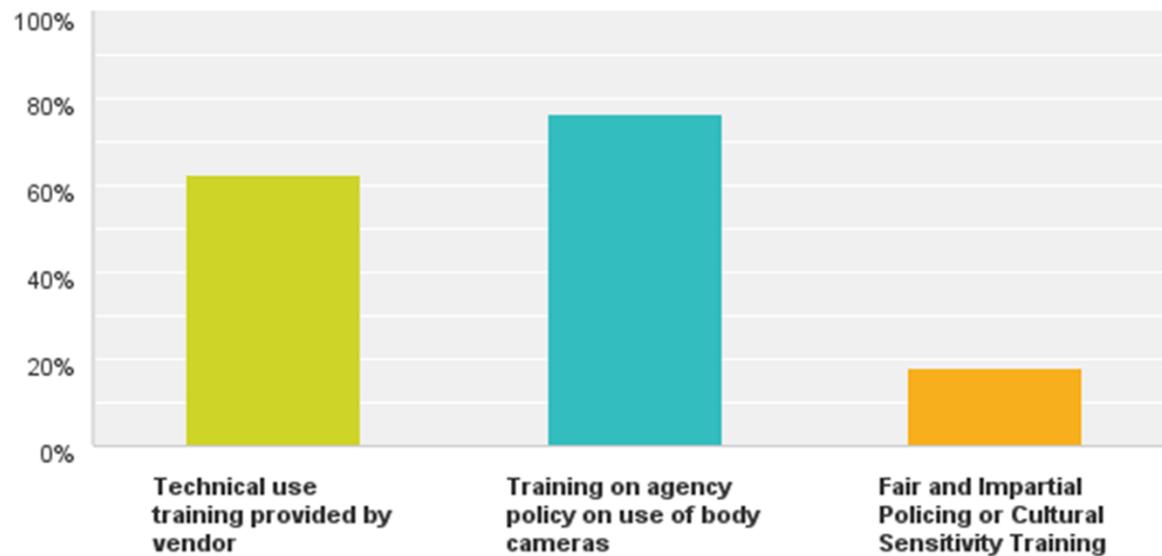
- Civil commitment transports
- Responding to emergencies in the jail
- Community liaison officers
- Bike units
- School resource officers
- Primary deployment: traffic/motor units

Training



Q6 If you DO have body cameras, what kind of training did officers receive in advance of deployment?

Answered: 118 Skipped: 176



Training Gaps



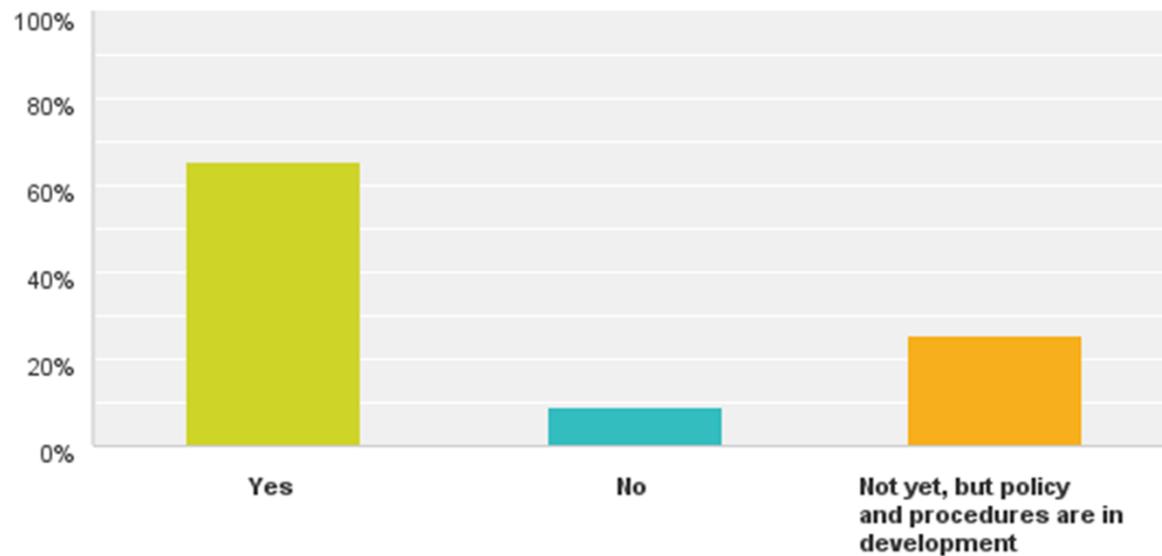
- Want to use fair and impartial policing training model when available
- Technical training from manufacturer will be unique to the equipment
- Lack of available training to comply with laws related to HIPAA, FERPA and FOIA
- Customized training needed for school, medical, classified environments

Policies



Q7 If you DO have body cameras, did your agency adopt any additional policies or procedures before deployment?

Answered: 125 Skipped: 169



Policy Comments



- Still working with CA on policy development
- Using model policies from IACP or CALEA
- Constantly revising policy based on new concerns or best practices
- Developing policy before deployment

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