

UNIT EIGHT

Public's Right To Video.

Who does not have a camera these days given cell phone camera app standard.

New Era of transparency

Don't allow yourself to get Set-Up

Deputy Constable Safety 

8.0 BODY WORN CAMERAS (BWC) & Citizen Camera (CC)



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WHEN THE POLICE ASK "WHY ARE YOU FILMING?"

I am filming because...

- I HAVE THE LEGAL RIGHT TO OBSERVE AND DOCUMENT POLICE ACTIVITY
- CAMERAS PROVIDE ACCOUNTABILITY
- I AM CREATING AN OBJECTIVE REFERENCE FOR ALL PARTIES INVOLVED
- I AM AT A REASONABLE DISTANCE AND I AM NOT INTERFERING WITH YOUR INVESTIGATION
- IF YOU ARE DOING NOTHING WRONG YOU HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE OFFICER



8.0 BODY WORN CAMERAS (BWC) & Citizen Camera (CC)

• Pocket _____

• _____



8.1 PUBLICS RIGHT TO VIDEO

The **American Civil Liberties Union** of Arizona has launched a new phone app aimed at helping average civilians **record inappropriate law enforcement activity** and then safely and properly disseminate it to experts at the _____.

8.1 PUBLICS RIGHT TO VIDEO - Cont'd:

The Mobile Justice AZ app has three major features:

- _____,
- _____, and
- _____.



8.1 PUBLICS RIGHT TO VIDEO - Cont'd:

The _____ "allows individuals to capture exchanges with **police officers** and other **law enforcement officials** in a file that is automatically sent to the **ACLU** of Arizona."



8.1 PUBLICS RIGHT TO VIDEO – Cont’d:

The **witness function** “sends out an alert to anyone with the app, giving the location of a police encounter that is being documented by another app user.”

8.1 PUBLICS RIGHT TO VIDEO – Cont’d:

And the report function “allows the user to complete a _____ report and send it directly to the ACLU of Arizona for review.”

8.1 PUBLICS RIGHT TO VIDEO – Cont’d:

It’s the third function that really sets the app apart from normal recording apps:

As soon as the video is sent, the app — which is also available in Spanish — prompts users to fill out information about the situation, including the badge...>

8.1 PUBLICS RIGHT TO VIDEO – Cont’d:

number or license plate of the involved **officer** and the approximate age, appearance, and ethnicity of anyone involved.

The user also has the ability to record other _____ details or provide a narrative of what occurred.

8.1 PUBLICS RIGHT TO VIDEO – Cont’d:

The app also comes with a “**Know your rights**” user guide, which helps explain what they should and should not do when interacting with law enforcement in the state.

8.1 PUBLICS RIGHT TO VIDEO – Cont’d:

“Nearly 40 people have been killed by police so far this year in Arizona, and we regularly receive reports of **excessive use of force** by police and Border Patrol agents,” Will Gaona, policy director of the **ACLU** of Arizona, said in a statement.

8.1 PUBLICS RIGHT TO VIDEO - Cont'd:

"This app is intended to serve as a check on **abusive behavior** by

- sheriff's/Constables deputies,
- _____
- and Border _____

by allowing ordinary citizens to _____ and _____ any interaction with **law enforcement.**"

8.1 PUBLICS RIGHT TO VIDEO - Cont'd:

With the launch of the app, Arizona now is one of 18 states (plus Washington, D.C.) to have the technology.

The original app, The Stop and Frisk Watch, was released in New York in 2012 amid criticism from the New York Police Department.

8.1 PUBLICS RIGHT TO VIDEO - Cont'd:

At the time, a spokesman for the NYPD told the New York Times he was worried "**that real-time _____ about the locations of police stops could be used by criminals**" and that the app raised privacy concerns if the information got into the wrong hands.

8.1 PUBLICS RIGHT TO VIDEO – Cont’d:

The _____ is adamant that the video footage it receives is well protected and won’t mysteriously end up on YouTube.

New Times reached out to Phoenix Police Department and the Arizona Department of Public Safety for comment, and while the DPS declined to comment, PPD Sergeant Jonathan Howard e-mailed the following statement:

8.2 Everybody has Cameras these days

"The Phoenix Police Department recognizes that **video recording capabilities are everywhere.**

In fact, we currently have **150 body worn cameras in use** and are in the process of adding **150 additional cameras in the near future.**

Since introducing our body worn camera program, officers wearing the cameras have enjoyed an

- increase in _____ and _____ of cases,
- a decrease in _____ against the officers, and
- an overall increase in _____ during contacts between police and citizens.

**8.3 New Era of
Transparency**

The Phoenix Police Department **supports technology that promotes transparency** between the Police Department and the people we serve.



**8.3 New Era of
Transparency - Cont'd**

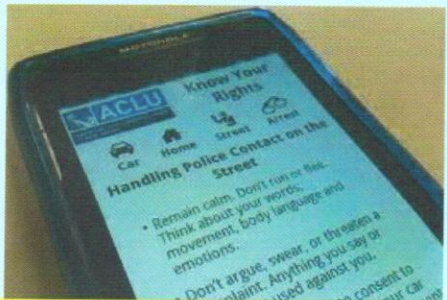
If citizens wish to capture **police** contacts on video and share them with others, we encourage them to do so while keeping in mind **privacy issues** and **safety** concerns and ask them to ensure the behavior does not hinder **lawful investigations**.

**8.3 New Era of
Transparency - Cont'd**

"The Phoenix Police Department recognizes that this technology has been publicly available for several years through a variety of applications.

We will not comment on any particular application people choose to use. "

ACLU KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

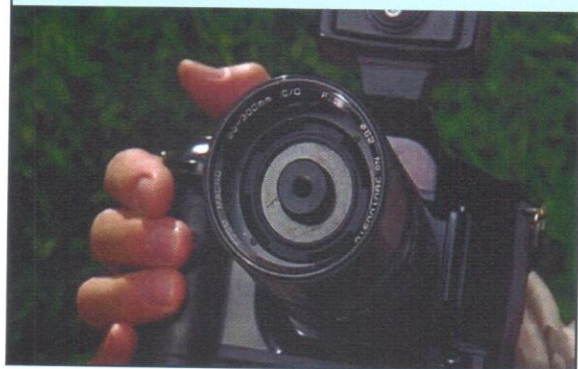


<https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/photographers-what-do-if-you-are-stopped-or-detained-taking-photographs>

8.3 New Era of Transparency – Cont'd

****SAFETY Note:** For those who want to record their own interactions with law enforcement, the ACLU reminds them that they "should **announce that they are reaching for a phone, and that they are attempting to access the app to record the exchange.** Users' safety depends on their ability to clearly communicate any actions they take and remain calm."

CAMERA GUN



8.4 YOU CAN BE SET-UP

A. Do not become a **willing participant** in a video designed to _____ !

B. A camera/video can only **hurt you**, if you _____ it or _____ it to.

C. Take the higher ground and _____
verses **letting it control you**.

8.4 YOU CAN BE SET-UP

D. Use " _____ "!

E. Do not allow mere words to _____ you to **act in anger**.

F. If you are doing your job right who cares if you are video taped or not; as _____ **can be seen**.



PRACTICAL EXERCISE

Define and PROCESS

- You encounter a very polite, very courteous citizen.
- You observe a citizen jumping up and down and waiving their hands-in-the-air.
- You observe a man in a wheel chair by side of road that looks distressed.
- You get a call from dispatch "SHOTS FIRED"

PRACTICAL EXERCISE
Define & Process Continued

- What is the first thing you do upon observing a traffic law violation?
- What is the first thing you do upon seeing a citizen approaching your vehicle?
- What is the first thing you do upon going inside restaurant to eat?
- What is the first thing you do when you enter the office?



DEFINE & PROCESS

Define You encounter a very polite, very courteous citizen. What does agency policy & procedure tell you to do?.

Process:

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DEFINE & PROCESS

Define You observe a citizen jumping up and down and waiving their hands-in-the-air. What does agency policy & procedure tell you to do?

Process:

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DEFINE & PROCESS

Define You observe a man in a wheel chair by side of road that looks distressed. What does agency policy & procedure tell you to do?

Process:

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DEFINE & PROCESS

Define: You get a call from dispatch "SHOTS FIRED" What does agency policy & procedure tell you to do?

Process:

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DEFINE & PROCESS

Define: What is the first thing you do upon observing a traffic law violation? What does agency policy & procedure tell you to do?

Process:

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Process:

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 **DEFINE & PROCESS**

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Process:


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SOURCES

All Course Sources and/or Resources are listed in your Participant Handout

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS, OFFICER SAFETY & BODY CAMERAS for LE TCOLE Course # 3333
Participant Handout



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“Knowledge is “POWER” Stay informed, stay SAFE, stay Vigilant & stay Alive”



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- **Exam**
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**THANK YOU &
STAY SAFE**

