

To the Anteater community:

Body-worn cameras (BWCs) have become commonplace in policing. President Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing highlighted and identified BWCs as a potential tool to enhance trust between police and the communities they serve, as well as improve police accountability. BWCs provide increased evidentiary quality and value for criminal investigations and complaints while enhancing training opportunities. UC Police Chiefs have embraced this technology as an opportunity to gain a clearer picture of the interactions between officers and the people they protect and serve.

Beginning on July 8, UCI police officers will utilize body-worn cameras (BWCs), and as patrol vehicles are replaced in September, in-car video systems will be installed. Both BWCs and in-car cameras have been a UC systemwide project over the last three years that included testing, bid specifications, vendor selection, policy and procedures development, and finally procurement by each of the ten campuses with the initial start-up funding provided by UC Office of the President.

Presentations were recently given to the ASUCI Senate, the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC), and at a recent PSAC coordinated town hall meeting. The [Body Worn Audio/Video System policy](#) is posted to the UCIPD website along with a list of [frequently asked questions](#).

Sincerely,

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