

Management of Digital Evidence: Body Worn Camera Use by Law Enforcement Agents

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Abstract

Body Worn Camera (BWC) is an emergent technology that has started to be deployed in law enforcement agencies in the recent past. Although there are many expected advantages to adoption and implementation of BWC, potential negative concerns range from loss of public privacy to failure in appropriate management of digital evidence. As insiders in police organizations, law enforcement agents have the capacity of either correctly or incorrectly managing digital evidence. Having clear and well-developed written policies regarding the BWC based on organizational, moral, and individual issues, is important for successful BWC implementation. In this research, we focus on ethical judgement regarding potential privacy violations of law enforcement agents in the context of BWC usage. Finding from this study will help in understanding perceptions of police officers and their ethical judgement and will assist in development of policies and provide actionable guidelines.

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