



## BODY-WORN CAMERA PROJECT OVERVIEW

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# BWC & DEMS Project Overview

- Body-worn cameras will become a national standard for the general duty police officers of the RCMP.
- 10,000-15,000 body-worn cameras will be deployed to frontline members across Canada. This includes contract and federal policing.
- Deployment of cameras will begin in Fall 2024 and expected to take 12 months to complete for the vast majority of sites.
- Supported by a pre-configured cloud-based digital evidence management service (software as a service)



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# Expectations

Increasingly used by police around the world, body-worn cameras (BWC) are intended to capture an accurate unbiased audio/video account of incidents involving police.

Once implemented, expect:

- Greater accountability and public trust
- Better interactions between the police and the public
- Improved evidence gathering
- Quicker resolutions of public complaints

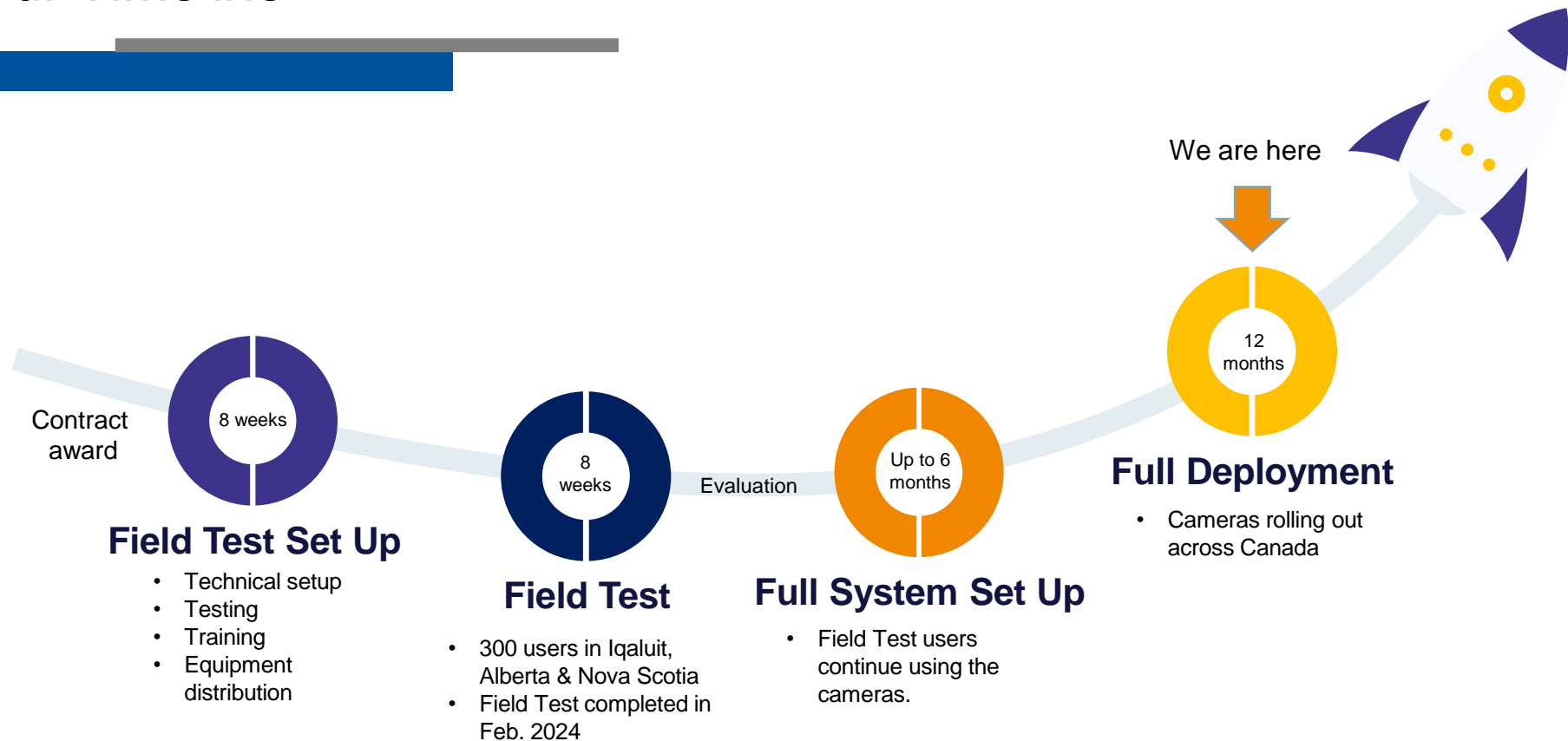


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# Our Timeline



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# Stakeholder Feedback: What We Heard

Community survey responses to date (based on a current sample of 630+ respondents) indicate that respondents perceive that BWCs will:

- **Help RCMP officers be more transparent (91.6%)**
- **Help increase RCMP officers' accountability (91.2%)**
- **Increase trust in RCMP officers (84.2%)**



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# Stakeholder Feedback: What We Heard

## Through survey feedback and stakeholder meetings, the RCMP heard concerns about:

- Camera use and need for policy compliance
- Privacy protection
- Access & disclosure
- Sensitivity when addressing gender-based violence issues (trauma-informed response)
- Bandwidth in remote locations
- Cost versus benefit

Their concerns and questions have been reflected, where possible, in our policy and in our deployment approach.



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# Policy Overview - Use of Body Worn Cameras

## They will be used:

- Prior to arriving at a call for service
- When initiating contact with a member of the public for the purpose of investigation
- To record information to support lawful execution of duties

## Not Intended for:

- 24 hour recording
- Surveillance or covert recording
- When strip or body cavity searches are conducted
- Areas with a high expectation of privacy *unless there are exigent circumstances*

## BODY- WORN CAMERAS

## Examples of use:

- Mental health calls
- Interactions with people in crisis
- Crimes in progress
- Investigations
- Public disorder

## Examples of when camera can be turned off

- Intimate searches
- Incidents of a sensitive nature
- Investigative discussions/enquiries between police personnel
- Formal statements



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# Requesting Access to video

- Through existing ATIP processes, members of the public may request to view BWV in which they are captured. In this case, the personal information of others will be redacted.
- The RCMP developed a process to guide Divisions in using BWV to facilitate the early resolution of a service issue where privacy can be mitigated.
- Public disclosure of BWV will only be considered in exceptional circumstances such as an emergency situation or where withholding a recording will seriously undermine public confidence in policing.



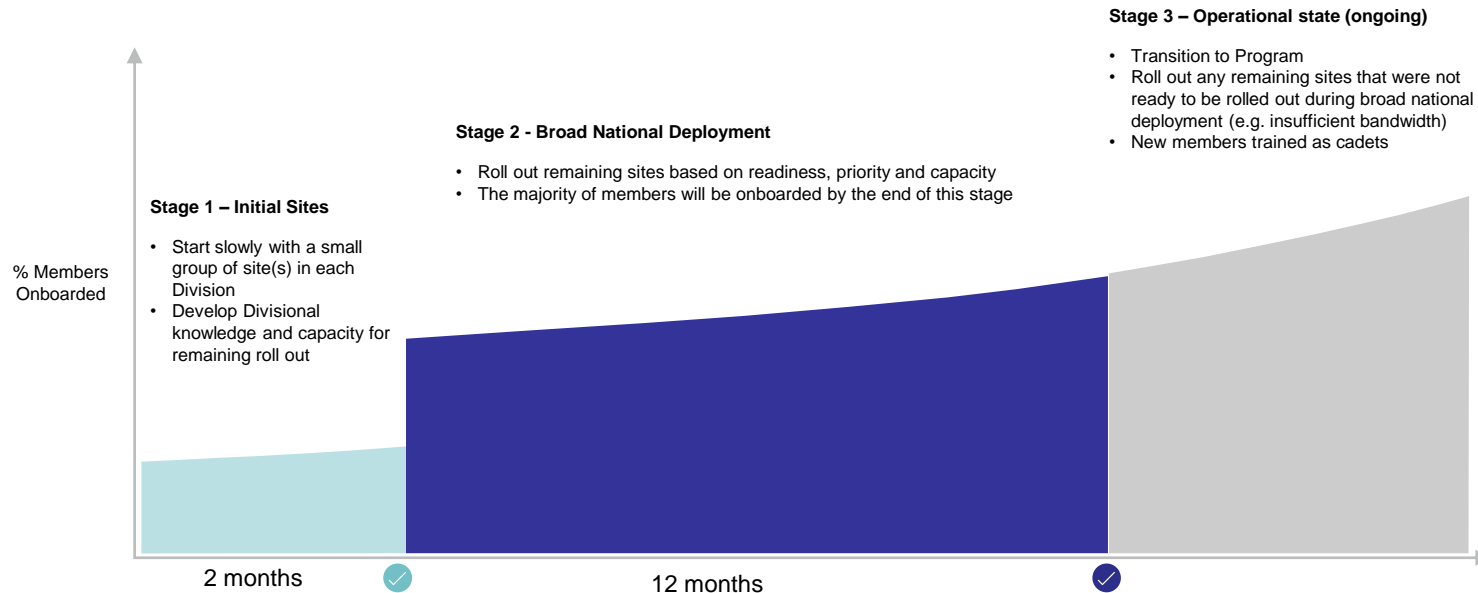
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# National Deployment Planning

All Divisions to plan to start rolling out the service in the Fall of 2024.



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# Divisional Deployment Plan

Starting November 22, 2024, K Division is rolling out cameras to the following detachments/Units, and will continue for 12+ months:

Strathcona County  
Lloydminster Det.  
EAD Crime Reduction Unit (CRU)  
Nanton Det.  
Vulcan Det.  
Claresholm Det.  
Fort MacLeod Det.  
Piikani Nation Det.  
Pincher Creek Det. (incl. Waterton Det.)  
Waterton Det. (reports to Pincher Creek Det.)  
Crowsnest Pass Det.  
Drayton Valley Det.  
Evansburg Det.



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# Questions?

## Learn More:

### Web:

[Body-worn cameras | Royal Canadian Mounted Police \(rcmp.ca\)](https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/body-worn-cameras)

### Email:

[BWC\\_Consultations\\_CVC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:BWC_Consultations_CVC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)

### To request to view a recording:

<https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/access-information-and-privacy>

### Have your say. Take the community survey:

[Survey: The RCMP's use of body-worn cameras in my community | Royal Canadian Mounted Police](https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/body-worn-cameras-in-my-community)



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