

**Memorandum of Understanding
Among the Rochester Police Department,
the Monroe County District Attorney's Office,
and the Monroe County Public Defender's Office**

1. The Rochester Police Department (RPD), the Monroe County District Attorney's Office (DA's Office), and the Monroe County Public Defender's Office (PD's Office) recognize the potential benefit of implementing a Body-Worn Camera (BWC) program by RPD. A BWC program can improve the quality of law enforcement services, and promote an overall sense of fairness and perceived legitimacy of our local criminal justice system.
2. We also recognize that a BWC program will produce digital multi-media evidence (DME) that will be relevant to criminal prosecutions in the City of Rochester, and that sound procedures and protocols are required to ensure that DME resulting from the BWC program is incorporated into the criminal adjudication process in a lawful and fair manner.
3. Accordingly, we are committed to working in a cooperative and collaborative manner to develop and establish procedures and protocols to ensure the proper use of DME in criminal prosecutions, including but not limited to retention and storage of DME, compliance with legal discovery requirements, resolution of evidentiary issues, and other areas necessary to ensure that DME resulting from the BWC program is incorporated into the criminal adjudication process in a lawful and fair manner.


Sandra Doorley, District Attorney

5/27/15
Date


Tim Donaher, Public Defender

5/27/15
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Michael L. Ciminelli, Chief of Police

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