

Asbury Park Police Officers are issued, and wear body worn cameras. The body worn cameras are worn by all officers at the rank of Sergeant and below when in uniform. This will also include all Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers. Officers will be equipped with the Panasonic Arbitrator Body Camera. It works as a camera and DVR to collect video and audio evidence. The camera will be worn near or at the center of their chest, on the outer most layer of clothing. The Asbury Park Police Department has a policy that sets guidelines for the use, management, storage, and release of audio-visual media recorded by body worn video/audio cameras (BWC) which is consistent with the Attorney General's Directive. The Body worn cameras are a valuable asset intended to assist the officers in the prosecution of certain offenders by augmenting an officer's testimony with a video/audio record of the incident. The use of the cameras also increases transparency by helping to resolve disputes concerning what occurred during incidents, thereby protecting both the public and the officers involved and provides an opportunity to capture the good work that the police officers do on a daily basis.

