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Minneapolis Police Release Preliminary Draft of Body Camera Policy

March 1, 2016 (MINNEAPOLIS) Consistent with the Department's core value of transparency, the Minneapolis Police Department is releasing a Preliminary Draft of its body camera policy. This is not a final draft, as MPD leaders expect the document to evolve up until the point of implementation, which we expect will happen in late May. It should also be noted that all Department policies and "standard operating procedures" are subject to review from time to time to ensure they are consistent with national, best-practices standards. This particular preliminary draft was produced after looking at a number of those standards. It is also being released after weighing public input through the city's Police Conduct Oversight Commission (PCOC).

If you would still like to share ideas, concerns or comments about the preliminary policy, please send an email to police@minneapolismn.gov, with "Body Camera Policy" in the subject line.

You can learn more about the Department's body camera program, and find a copy of the draft policy at: www.insidempd.com/bodycams

MPD Body Camera Facts:

- All patrol and SWAT officers will be equipped with cameras, totaling approximately 600 sworn officers
- The MPD will begin its implementation in the 1st Precinct (Downtown) before rolling out the cameras to the other 4 precincts
- We expect full implementation to be complete by the end of October
- 2 full time civilian staff members are being added to aid in records management for the video produced by officers wearing body cameras
- Each camera costs approximately \$400, while data storage costs for each individual officer will range between \$80 and \$100 per month
- The MPD reviewed at least 18 other law enforcement agency policies before producing its preliminary draft
- The MPD also considered recommendations from the Police Conduct Oversight Commission, American Civil Liberties Union, International Association of Chiefs of Police, League of Minnesota Cities, Fraternal Order of Police, and the International Municipal Lawyers Association before putting together its preliminary draft policy

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