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More Body-Worn Cameras, Less Use-of-Force: Study Reveals Compelling Correlation

Recent study reveals 37% drop in use-of-force complaints and potential cost-savings of \$4 million following body-worn camera deployment by Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

LAS VEGAS, and SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., Dec. 7, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Use-of-force complaints fell dramatically at the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) after the agency deployed Axon (Nasdaq: AAXN) body-worn cameras, a recent independent study revealed. The study, conducted by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), and CNA, a non-profit research and analysis organization, also found that the implementation of body cameras resulted in a decrease in police misconduct. The full study can be found here: https://www.cna.org/cna_files/pdf/IRM-2017-U-016112-Final.pdf.



The year-long study, funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, began in 2014 and concluded in 2015. The study evaluated 416 officers, 218 of whom donned Axon body cameras. Researchers unveiled the following significant findings:

- | A 37% reduction in use-of-force complaints against officers wearing body-worn cameras
- | A 4% increase in use-of-force complaints against officers not wearing body-worn cameras
- | An 8% increase in citations issued by officers wearing body-worn cameras
- | A 6% increase in arrests made by officers wearing body-worn cameras

Researchers also performed a cost-benefit analysis and found that body-worn cameras could ultimately save LVMPD up to \$4 million per year in legal fees.

"The results of this study by UNLV validate what we have been seeing all along - the body-worn camera has taken an out-of-focus picture and made it clear," says Clark County, Nevada Sheriff Joseph Lombardo. "While some officers initially feared the devices would be intrusive, many now embrace the technology because video can prove or disprove accounts by arrestees and witnesses."

"We're thrilled that body cameras continue to be studied and that researchers are discovering positive effects for both the public and police officers," says Axon CEO and founder Rick Smith. "The cost benefits brought to light in this study have a

tremendous impact on agencies and the communities they serve. Saving money on legal fees ultimately leads to more officers being on the street. Benefits like these are exactly why we are working so hard to develop the next generation of police technology."

To date, LVMPD has purchased about 2,000 Axon body-worn cameras, which upload video to Axon's cloud-based digital evidence management solution, [Evidence.com](https://www.evidence.com). The Axon network integrates hardware and software to make it easy for agencies to manage the high volumes of officer video that is generated daily.

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- | **In the courtroom** - Our solutions for prosecutors make collaborating across jurisdictions and agencies easy so that cases can be resolved quickly.

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