

Proposed New Rule 32 - Use of Body-Worn Cameras (BWC) by Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Court Services Division.

1. Authorization for Use of Body-Worn Cameras (BWC):

- Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputies assigned to courthouse security may wear and activate body-worn cameras as an extension of the existing courthouse security measures, provided their use complies with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) BWC policy.

2. Scope and Activation:

- Deputies in compliance with HCSO policy may activate their BWCs in the following circumstances:
 - While performing security functions throughout the courthouse, responding to call for service, or while conducting an investigation/arrest.
 - In the event of an altercation or when law enforcement or police services are requested.
- BWCs shall not be activated within judges' chambers or jury rooms unless an altercation occurs or police services are explicitly requested.

3. Limitations:

- BWCs shall not be used to record privileged communications, such as those between attorneys and clients or between judges and their staff.
- Any recordings containing protected communications will be reviewed and appropriately redacted prior to release to any individual or entity, in compliance with applicable privacy and legal standards.

4. Data Management:

- Recorded footage shall be handled, stored, and retained following HCSO's established policies and procedures to ensure the integrity, confidentiality, and lawful use of recordings.

5. Compliance and Accountability:

- Deputies using BWCs must complete training on proper use and adhere strictly to policies governing their operation.