



RCMP Rollout of Body Worn Cameras

This is an update on the RCMP's rollout of the body-worn camera program and the anticipated timelines for invoicing. This update is meant to assist municipalities receiving policing services from the RCMP in planning their budgets accordingly.

Background:

- In June 2020, the Prime Minister of Canada announced that body-worn cameras would become a national standard for RCMP general duty police officers.
- This project is part of a series of RCMP initiatives to improve public trust, transparency, and public safety.
- On January 12, 2023, the RCMP contracted a vendor, Motorola, to provide a subscription-based managed service contract.
- Around 10,000 to 15,000 body worn cameras will be deployed to frontline RCMP officers across Canada.
- There are 39 RCMP detachments providing policing services to municipalities in Nova Scotia; 35 are partners to the Provincial Policing Service Agreement (PPSAs) and 4 hold Municipal Policing Service Agreements (MPSAs).

Current Status and Timelines:

- Field testing is currently being conducted to:
 - Confirm Motorola can deliver the required services as defined within the contract.
 - Provide an early opportunity to get cameras in the hands of frontline officers who will be the primary users of the body worn cameras and the Digital Evidence Management System Service.
 - Capture user feedback and preliminary lessons learned.
- Field tests are being conducted in Alberta, Nunavut, and Nova Scotia in the first week of May and will run for 8-10 weeks.
- Successful completion of the field tests is required prior to proceeding to the implementation (national deployment) and operational (program) stages.
- Once the field tests are complete, the federal government will determine whether to proceed to the next stage based on the test results:
 - If Motorola successfully meets the contractual requirements, the RCMP will proceed with national deployment.
 - If Motorola does not meet the contractual requirements, the contract will be terminated and a contract will be awarded to the second-ranked bidder to begin field testing.
- National deployment is expected to take 12-18 months to complete. This means that if the decision is made to proceed with Motorola, **national deployment will begin in early to mid 2024.**

Municipal Costs and Invoicing:

- Currently, the federal government is paying for the implementation and the roll out of this project. **This is currently planned to continue until March 31, 2024.** As of April 1, 2024, costs for this project will be charged to RCMP contract partners. Procurement delays may cause this date to change.
- **RCMP contract partners should estimate a cost up to \$3,000 per front-line member at the contract rate (i.e., 70% or 90%).**

- This cost estimate includes the body worn cameras (and any necessary replacements), the Digital Evidence Management System Service, and support staff to operate the program. Motorola is still working on necessary competencies and a final costing formula is still being developed.
- Contract partners will only be expected to pay for cameras put into operation (i.e.: if cameras cannot be rolled out for some reason – lack of camera supply, no bandwidth to support – partners will not be charged).
- Please refer to your 2023-2028 Multi-Year Financial Plan for more details on the estimated cost impact to your detachment.

Moving forward, NSFM will continue to provide regular updates should the timelines for implementation change or if more detailed information becomes available.

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