




# Police Video Program (PVP)

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## Presentation Objectives

- History for the Police Video Program (PVP)
- Police Video Program Objectives
- Current status of the PVP
  - In-Car Camera System (ICCS)
  - Body Worn Camera (BWC)
  - Managing Police Video / Disclosure
- Provide overview of the PVP Policy Directive on ICCS/BWC (PGM-013)
- PVP Strategy

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## HRPS Police Video History

- May 2015 to September 2016 Initial Pilot
  - Explore available technology and impacts
  - Developed initial policy framework / Training / Deployment Models
  - Two (2) different In Car Camera Systems were concurrently piloted (Panasonic Arbitrator and Motorola Watch Guard).
  
- August 2018 – Contract awarded to Panasonic (now i-Pro Americas)

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## HRPS Police Video History Continued

- ICCS and related infrastructure installed and piloted in 1 District between 2019-2020
- Introduction of Side-Cameras to Combat Distracted Driving
- After successful deployment in 1 District, a full Regional rollout was approved and completed by the end of March 2021

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## Police Video Program Objectives

- Improve officer safety
- Increase transparency and accountability
- Corroborate the professional conduct and interactions of members
- Gather evidence and support investigations
- Capture use-of-force and other critical incidents
- Increase compliance during police interactions
- Assist in training and debriefings

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## In-Car Camera System (ICCS) Equipment



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## Current Status of PVP - ICCS

- ICCS currently installed in 105 uniform patrol vehicles
- 15 Uniform patrol vehicles equipped with side-cameras
- ICCS Equipment has been stable, however is reaching end of life (5+ years)
- Arbitrator Back-end Client requires an update if PVP is to expand and/or to upgrade to the latest i-Pro ICCS technology
- Recently, HRPS received a supply of decommissioned but usable Panasonic ICCS equipment from TPS and YRPS after they pivoted to another ICCS/BWC vendor. With this equipment, it's estimated the current ICCS can be sustained 1-2 years at minimum

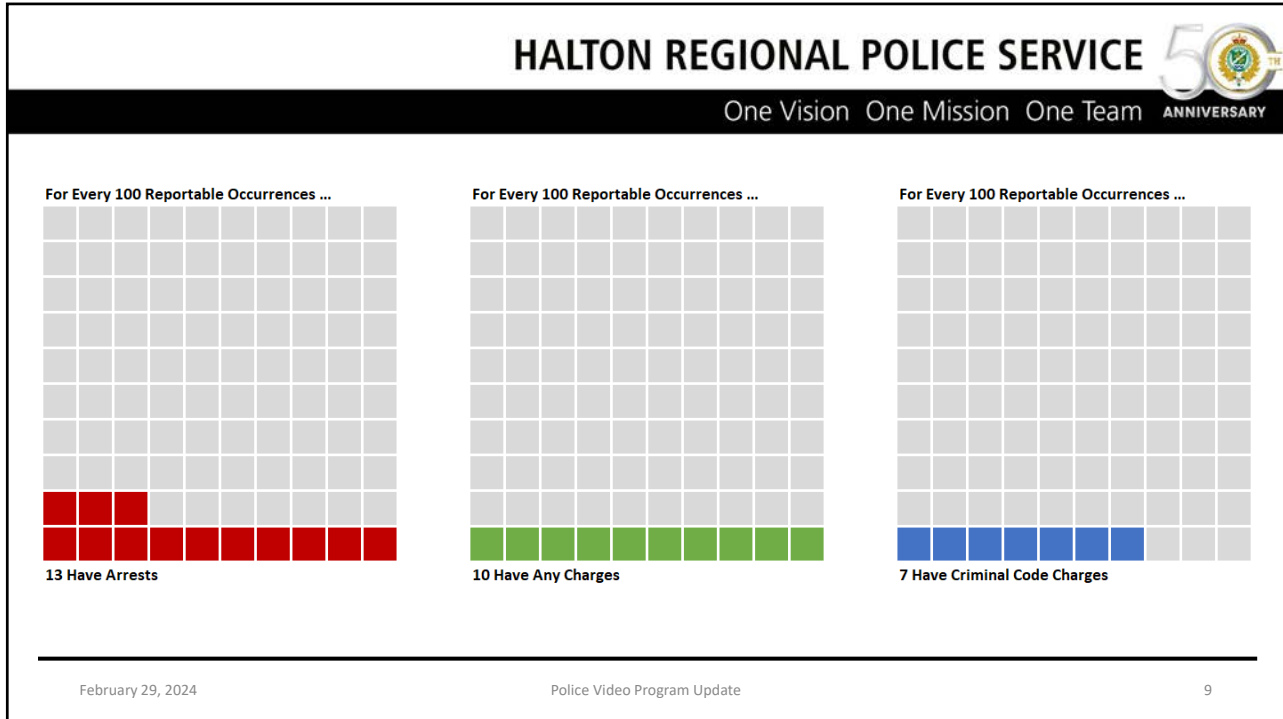
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## Body Worn Camera (BWC)

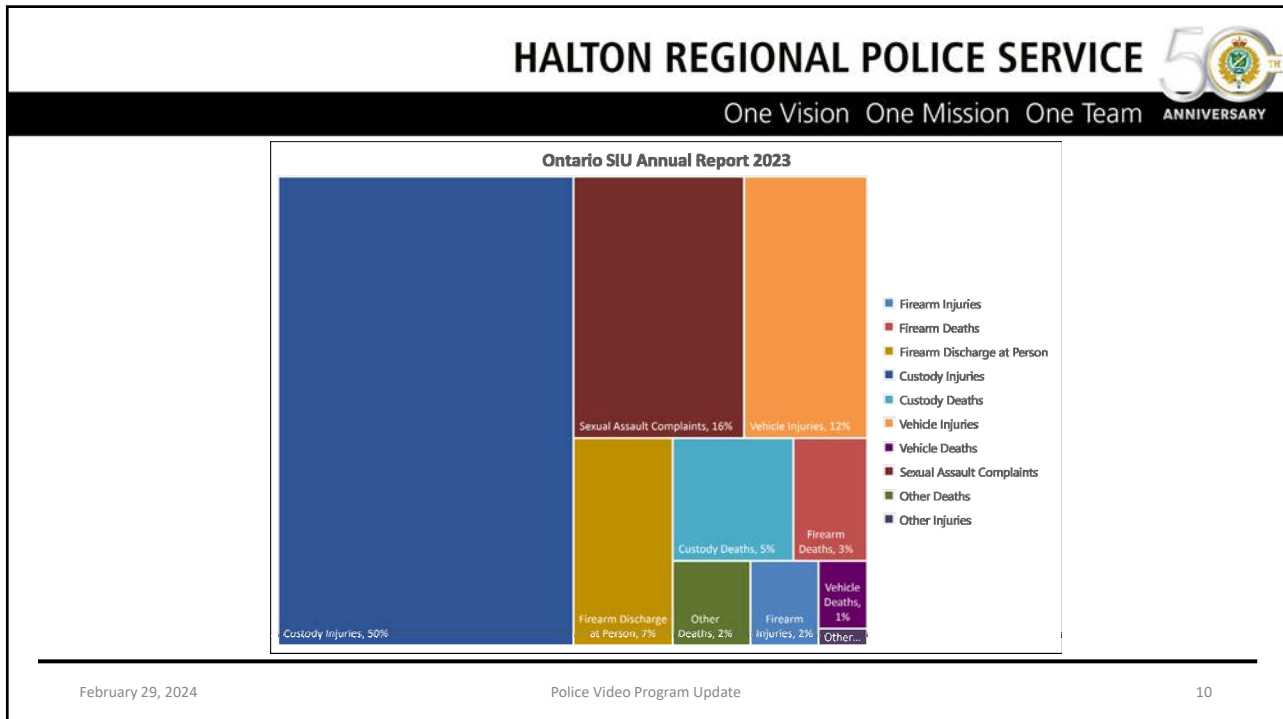
- Total of 24 (i-Pro America) body worn cameras being utilized for
  - Protests
  - Pilot with Mental Crisis Rapid Response Team (MCRRT)
  - Training for Tactical Rescue Unit (TRU)



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## Statistics – SIU Ontario 2018-2023

Types of Occurrences	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Firearm Injuries	12	15	12	12	7
Firearm Deaths	5	9	12	11	11
Firearm Discharge at Person			7	34	25
Custody Injuries	192	172	201	209	168
Custody Deaths	31	22	34	29	18
Vehicle Injuries	38	32	49	46	39
Vehicle Deaths	3	6	8	8	4
Sexual Assault Complaints	57	58	63	73	54
Other Deaths	17	5	3	6	8
Other Injuries	0	0	1	2	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>335</b>

[SIU Annual report 2022-2023](#)

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- “The use of ICCS has been invaluable in many of our investigations. Complainants often choose to abandon their complaint entirely upon receiving information that camera footage exists. In several instances, PSB has been able to clear officers of misconduct, and return certain complaints to the OIPRD, with evidence that they are vexatious in nature”

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## Managing Police Video and Disclosure

- Recorded video is managed by a front-end client and back-end client called "Arbitrator".
- Video is classified by the officer
- Error & Omissions Tool on SharePoint
- Audits

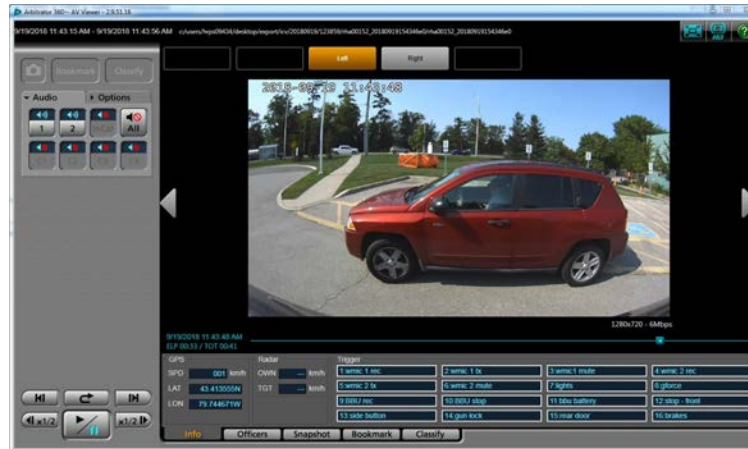
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## Front-End Client



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## Back-End Client



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## ICCS Automatic Triggers

- Activation of emergency lights
- G-force (impact)
- Speed at or above 145 km/h
- Opening of the vehicle prisoner compartment (will activate both front and rear seat cameras)


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## ICCS Manual Triggers

- Mobile Work Station
- Portable microphone worn by the member
- Front Camera

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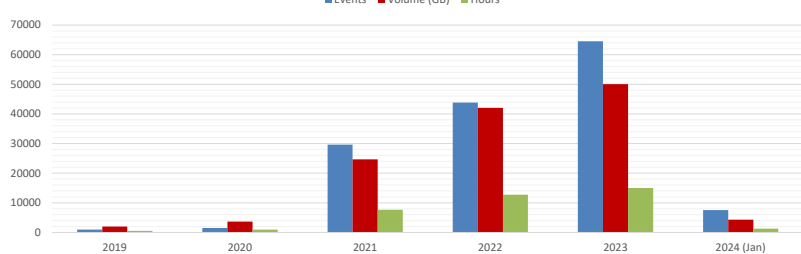
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## ICCS Statistics

ICCS Usage 2019-2024(Jan)

■ Events ■ Volume (GB) ■ Hours



	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 (Jan)
Events	975	1495	29625	43856	64546	7540
Volume (GB)	1977	3657	24670	42079	50079	4279
Hours	510	963	7671	12723	14981	1286

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## Police video retention is determined by its' Primary and Secondary classifications

### Primary Classifications:

➤ Criminal Occurrence	Event + 60 months
➤ Non-Criminal /General Occurrence	Event + 24 months
➤ POA Court / PON / Warn / Stop	Event + 18 months
➤ Circle Check / Admin / G-Force / Training	Event + 7 months
➤ Emergency Response / Preempted / Red Light	Event + 90 days

### Secondary Classifications:

➤ Redact – Yes	Subject to the highest retention level of any associated Primary Classification
➤ Rear Seat Occupant	
➤ Retention – Indefinite	Retention will remain indefinite
➤ Restricted	Viewing restricted except for authorized members



## Disclosure of Police Video

- Police Video is processed by the PVP Coordinator who is responsible for ensuring all video recordings are identified and processed for disclosure to the Crown Attorney's Office or Provincial Prosecutor
- Freedom of Information Requests for Police video is processed by Trained members assigned to the Records Bureau – FOI Unit

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## Police Video Program Policy Directive PGM-013

- PGM-013 is in-depth and robust policy that provides direction to members on the operation of **ICCS and BWC**.
- Outlines responsibilities (Users, Coordinator, Operational Inspectors and Training Bureau)
- Notes and Reporting Requirements (E-Notes, PON's/Reports)
- Access and Security (Including Live-Streaming)
- Disclosure Process

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## Policy Considerations

- The current HRPS policy (PGM-013: Police Video Program) provides direction on both ICCS and BWC video.
- In the future, should the use of BWC's be expanded, a separate BWC policy is being developed to include, but not limited to detailed direction pertaining to:
  - Use and purpose
  - Recording in a private place, recording with the consent of the owner/occupant, recording in exigent circumstances or while in execution of a search warrant and exceptions
  - Training, equipment proper positioning
  - Roles and responsibilities of the Officer, Supervisors, Investigators, Administrators etc.
  - Audit requirements

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## PVP Strategy – Looking Ahead

- Vendor Demos have taken place (iPro, Motorola, Axon)
- Establish and Implement a DEMS (Digital Evidence Management System) from a selected Vendor
- Continue with Current ICCS and BWC Deployment/Pilot
- Slowly migrate ICCS/BWC Technology to same platform as the selected DEMS
- Formation of a DEMS / Police Video Unit
- Continuing with Annual Program Reviews

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