

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Title of Rule: Rules and Regulations Establishing Statewide Policy for the Use and Operation of Body-Worn Cameras

Rule Identifier: 110-RICR-10-00-2

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: March 12, 2026

End of Public Comment: April 13, 2026

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-161-4

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The current rules and regulations are being amended as part of the Office of the Attorney General's annual policy review to ensure the rules and regulations remain consistent with state law, societal developments and feedback from state law enforcement agencies. The proposed amendments are to clarify the scope of the regulation in specific contexts. For example, the Office has updated the language to clarify when the existence of a BWC Recording must be included in written narratives and when a BWC Office is required to activate their BWC. In addition, one of the proposed amendments corrects a grammatical error. Finally, the proposed amendments revise the procedures governing how and when a BWC Office can view or access their BWC recordings.

These proposed amendments govern Rhode Island law enforcement agencies using and operating body-worn cameras in connection with R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-161, the statewide Body-Worn Camera Program.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until April 13, 2026 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-161-4 requires the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Public Safety to promulgate rules and regulations for the use and operation of the Statewide Body-Worn Camera Program. Pursuant to the promulgated policy, on an annual basis, the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) are required to review the policy. The proposed amendments are the result of this annual review.

The amendments are reflective of feedback received from multiple law enforcement agencies in the state. In the development of the proposed amendments, consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information. Amending these regulations will not add any financial cost to the agency or the public at large and the societal benefits of updating rules and regulations far outweigh any concern to the contrary. The proposed amendments further the objectives of the authorizing legislation and are expected to provide greater overall benefits than alternative regulatory approaches. These amendments ensure that the goals set forth in the original regulations - including promoting the long-term health, safety, welfare and economic well-being of the State of Rhode Island - continue to be effectively achieved.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.