



## Compared to In-Car Camera Systems

Burnsville officers noted that the AXON system captured 100% of the action compared to around only 10% with In-Car camera systems. Yet, many in-car systems the agency purchased cost up to five times more than the AXON system.

## Savings on IT

Burnsville PD did not need to install software or create in-house storage systems. All they needed to do was to provide is an internet connection and TASER did the rest to get the system up and running.

## Savings on Complaints and Litigations

With POV video records, the Burnsville police officers were protected from false accusations and accompanying legal liabilities. Studies also show that the number of complaints is reduced simply when the officer is wearing a POV camera.<sup>2</sup>

## Increase Agency Efficiency

With the AXON and EVIDENCE.COM, Burnsville PD saved on staff time that would normally be spent maintaining the data collection and management systems. Burnsville officers were able to spend less time writing reports and more time in the field because of AXON's simple plug-&-go capabilities.



Chief Robert Hawkins,  
Burnsville PD<sup>1</sup>

“A huge cost savings is the actual officer court time ... maybe something as simple as a traffic violation, [a] person didn't believe they went through that red light, well our city attorney has access, pops up the laptop and shows the person 'Hey you just went through that [traffic light], you can see that the light was red' and it ends it right there. The officers don't have to appear in court. That is a huge cost savings for us.”

“Just from a cost different, the [In-Car cameras] we were using cost \$7,000 for the hardware. The AXON cost around \$1,700 so obviously we were saving quite a bit of money with just the hardware alone.”

Chief Robert Hawkins  
Burnsville PD, MN



<sup>1</sup> Pictured: Chief Robert Hawkins of Burnsville Police Department.

<sup>2</sup> UK pilot project using 300 officers over a six-month period using a head camera setup found 0 complaints with POV camera. Guidance for the Police Use of Body-Worn Video Devices.

On May 14th 2011, Burnsville PD conducted an After Action Review of the AXON and Evidence.com systems and produced the above findings (Interviewees include Chief Robert Hawkins, Officer Bryan Rychner, IT Systems Administrator Tarek St. Michaels, City of Burnsville Lynn Lembke, Officer Shaun Anselment).