



5 ESSENTIAL STEPS

TO MODERNIZE YOUR BODY-WORN CAMERAS, IN-CAR VIDEO, DIGITAL EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT, AND AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION

Modern law enforcement agencies in Texas—and particularly in smaller or mid-size markets—face ever-growing demands to balance transparency, compliance, and budget constraints. Upgrading your technology stack isn't just about purchasing new gadgets; it's about adopting sustainable, integrated solutions that work within real-world budgets and staffing limitations. Below are five key considerations to help you make an informed decision.

1 UNIFY YOUR EVIDENCE ECOSYSTEM

Key Insight: Fragmented systems waste time, increase errors, and complicate chain-of-custody.

- **Centralize Data:** Look for solutions that bring body-worn cameras (BWC), in-car video (ICV), Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) data, and other digital evidence into one platform. This eliminates the complexity of juggling multiple vendor systems or manually transferring files.
- **Seamless Integrations:** Confirm that your chosen solution can integrate with the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) platforms you already use. Strong API compatibility reduces IT headaches.
- **Single Chain-of-Custody:** A unified evidence repository ensures an unbroken chain-of-custody, preventing costly legal challenges.

3 BUDGET & FUNDING PATHWAYS

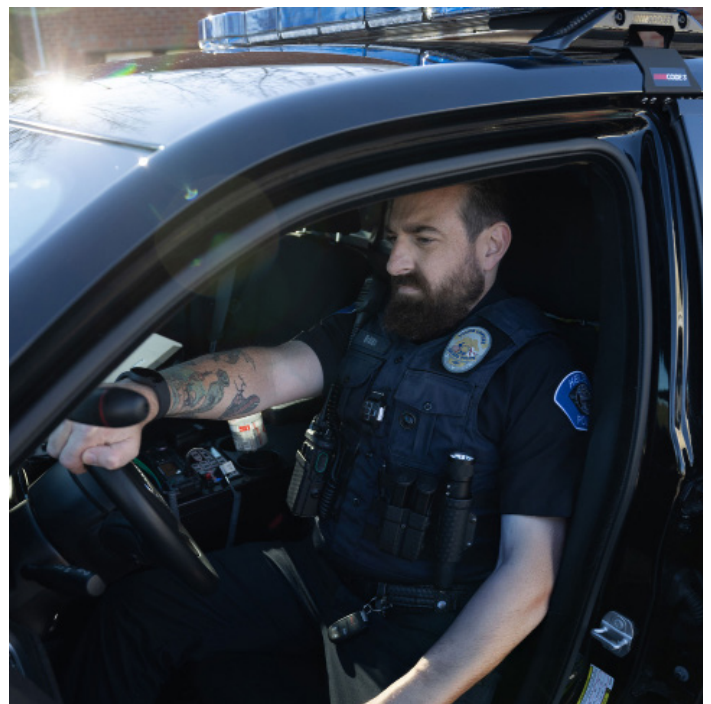
Key Insight: Smaller or rural agencies often run on limited budgets, requiring scalable solutions and grant support.

- **Grants & Funding Guidance:** Ask vendors if they offer assistance in identifying and applying for grants (e.g., Lexipol's PoliceGrantsHelp, JAG funds). This can bridge budget gaps.
- **Transparent Pricing Model:** Look for tiered or modular pricing so you don't pay for more than you need.
- **ROI & Cost Savings:** A well-integrated system can drastically reduce administrative overhead, freeing up officer time for more critical tasks.

2 FOCUS ON COMPLIANCE & TRANSPARENCY

Key Insight: Agencies need to handle public records requests, court subpoenas, and internal audits with minimal friction.

- **CJIS & State Regulations:** Verify that any vendor meets CJIS security standards and adheres to local laws (e.g., Texas Senate Bill 158 regarding body camera policy and training).
- **Automated Audit Trails:** Automated logs of who accessed or modified footage protect the integrity of the evidence and build public trust.
- **Streamlined FOIA Responses:** Look for easy exporting/sharing features to quickly fulfill Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) or open records requests.





4 EASE OF DEPLOYMENT & ONGOING SUPPORT

Key Insight: Agencies with limited IT resources need systems that are easy to implement and maintain.

- **Cloud-Based vs. On-Premise:** A cloud-based deployment often minimizes server maintenance costs and streamlines updates.
- **Training & User Adoption:** Choose vendors with robust training programs. Ensure the interface is intuitive so officers can adopt it quickly.
- **24/7 Customer Support:** Look for a provider that offers round-the-clock or extended support hours. Issues never arise on a 9-to-5 schedule.

CONCLUSION

A technology upgrade can be the linchpin for safer communities, streamlined operations, and stronger public trust. By focusing on integration, compliance, budget-friendly options, and proven local results, your department can confidently select the right solutions to modernize and better serve the community.

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5 LOCAL CREDIBILITY & PROVEN RESULTS

Key Insight: Real-world success stories from departments in your region build confidence in a solution's reliability.

- **Texas Case Studies:** Investigate how agencies (e.g., Bellaire PD) have implemented integrated BWC/ICV/DEMS/ALPR systems. Metrics like time saved on evidence reviews and successful grant funding can illuminate the value.
- **Community Impact:** Demonstrate how better transparency fosters public trust and reduces friction with local communities.
- **Reference Checks:** Don't hesitate to request references or site visits at agencies already using the technology you're considering.

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