

# POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY DURING DEMONSTRATIONS



As the oversight agency of the Philadelphia Police Department, the mission of the Police Advisory Commission (PAC) is to serve the community by helping to improve the relationship between the Police and the community. During demonstrations, the PAC offers these following notices for ensuring oversight & accountability.

## THE PPD'S ROLE IS TO ENSURE A SAFE SPACE TO EXPRESS GRIEVANCES

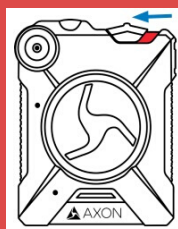
PPD Directive 8.3 states that the function of the police at demonstrations is to

1. Preserve peace & order
2. Prevent destruction of life & property
3. Protect constitutional rights of all involved



## UNDERSTANDING BODY-WORN CAMERAS

PPD Directive 4.21 requires officers to activate their cameras, if equipped, when handling any protest or demonstration. You can confirm this activation by seeing a light coming from the camera. These cameras make all actions transparent.



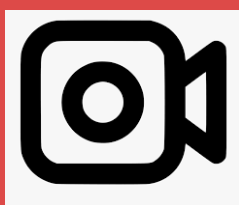
## PPD CIVIL AFFAIRS UNIT OVERSEES POLICE PRESENCE AT DEMONSTRATIONS

The Civil Affairs Unit requires that all officers maintain complete neutrality and objectivity at all times. Officers must maintain self-control and patience. Officers should use their presence to reduce, not increase, tensions. Remaining neutral ensures that your voices are the ones that are heard.



## RECORDING THE POLICE

Individuals have a First Amendment right to observe and record police officers engaged in the public discharge of their duties. Officers anticipate and expect to be photographed, videotaped, and audibly recorded. Officers are prohibited from blocking, obstructing, or otherwise hindering recording unless the recording obstructs an officer from performing duties.



## FILE A COMPLAINT IF YOU EXPERIENCE MISCONDUCT

The PAC receives complaints against officers, forwards them for investigation, and monitors the investigation by the PPD Internal Affairs Division. If you witnessed a police officer acting unprofessionally, file a complaint. Visit our website at [www.phila.gov/pac](http://www.phila.gov/pac) to find out how.

