



Most of the contacts made by AWT are “remote” contacts, either in the field or by themselves without another back-up unit. As such, this technology is important for officer safety as well as providing eye-witness evidence and proof of an event or statement.

The body-worn video is of particular interest in that the majority of the contacts are in the field and away from what an in-car video would capture. This would include vessel boardings, hunting camps, sport fishing contacts, etc. During these times, the AWT troopers are able to see and eventually seize evidence of an illegal rack on big game, GPS markings on a fishing vessel over the line into closed areas, etc. Body-worn video technology is critical in allowing AWT to capture this information on the fly instead of needing to stop and photograph things.

AST units usually work alone and have the same “eye witness” needs as the AWT troopers have in many circumstances with both in-car video systems and body worn cameras significantly enhancing these capabilities.

During many high risk or high liability situations, these video systems are able to capture the most accurate information contemporaneous with the incident to re-create what occurred, documenting criminal activity and providing a foundation for defense from frivolous lawsuits. Appropriate video documentation reduces the amount of time that all facets of the justice system must spend in court, creating long term efficiency in the furtherance of achieving the ultimate goal of justice.

Along with the camera systems themselves, adequate technological infrastructure must also be obtained in the way of storage servers so that the video can be maintained, indexed and accessed in an efficient manner.