

## 8 Features to Consider When Purchasing a Mobile Video Solution for a Correctional Facility

Correctional officers have a tough job in keeping the peace between inmates. Overcrowded prisons and small, confined living spaces can lead to altercations — not only with other inmates but also with officers.

Many correctional facilities have implemented body-worn cameras and mounted cameras on prisoner transport vehicles and vans to capture incidents to determine who was at fault and as a deterrent for unnecessary violence.

Whether your mobile video solution just includes body-worn cameras or also includes vehicle cameras, there are several features to consider.

### Field of View

Where the body camera is located will determine the video that is captured. Place the camera too low on the chest, and you could be recording the ground and missing the action.

It is recommended to place the camera on the outside of a breast pocket to offer the best view. Pro-Vision offers several mounting options, including a magnet mount, garment clip, epaulette mount and more.

The field of view also is an important factor in determining which camera to purchase. The bigger the field of view, the more activity that can be recorded. Most body-worn cameras provide anywhere from 95° to 170° field of view.

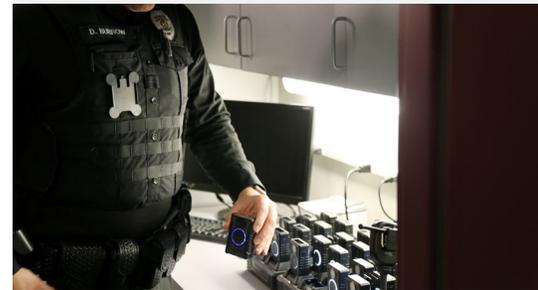
Additionally, most mounted mobile video cameras provide anywhere from 110° to 170° field of view.

### Enhanced Video Stability

Because the body-worn camera is attached to a mobile person, the field of view is constantly moving. And if a corrections officer is chasing an inmate or involved in an altercation, it can be hard to see what is happening.

Pro-Vision's [Bodycam 4](#) body-worn camera features electronic image stabilization technology, which substantially reduces erratic movement in your videos.

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## Durability

Because of the environment a corrections officer works in, body cameras must be durable. Pro-Vision's Bodycam 4 cameras are IP68 waterproof rated and meet military specifications, meaning it's designed for rough environments. You should also factor in the durability of the vehicle cameras should you want to mount them on prisoner transport vans. These cameras should be able to function in any weather condition, as well as offer a clear view in low-light environments.

## Continuous Recording

Bodycam 4 cameras offer continuous recording, which means every facet of a corrections officer's shift can be captured — even without hitting record. Coupled with automatic activation and pre-event recording, you won't miss a crucial event. Continuous recording also is possible on transport vehicles, though it may be an option that is unnecessary since very little of each day is spent transporting inmates.

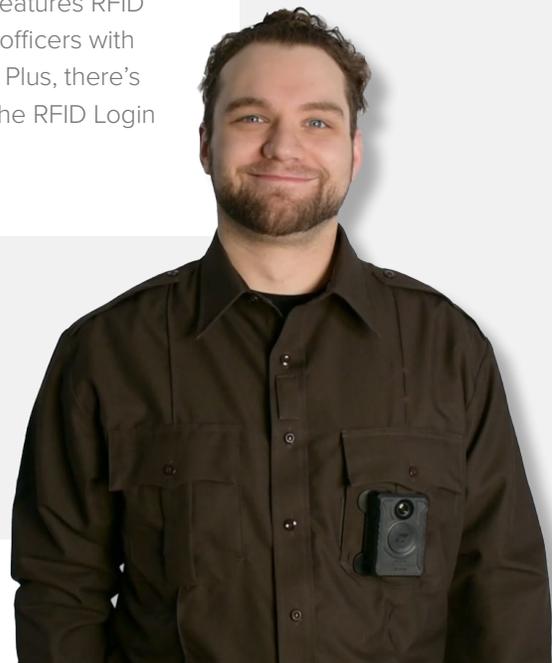
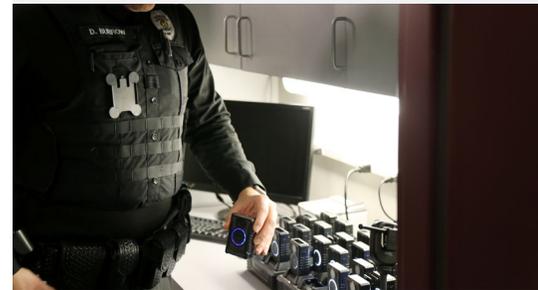
## Battery Life

Battery life can make or break a body-worn camera. Corrections officers will need a camera that can last throughout the entirety of their shift. Bodycam 4 body-worn cameras feature a 14-hour battery life, meaning there will be no low-battery interruptions throughout the day. As a bonus, Pro-Vision's body camera docking stations not only charge the device but automatically upload video footage to be reviewed.

## RFID Technology

Many prison systems don't have the budgets that city and state police departments do, meaning it might be fiscally impossible to purchase a body camera for every corrections officer. However, Bodycam 4 features RFID Login, which allows body cameras to be easily assigned to officers with a scan. Just pick a camera, scan and you're ready to begin. Plus, there's no need to designate a certain camera for each officer, as the RFID Login allows any officer to swap cameras from shift to shift.

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## Proximity Activation

Proximity Activation allows body cameras to be automatically activated when within a 30-foot range of another body camera, keeping the focus on the situation at hand. Sometimes an altercation escalates quickly, and the last thing a corrections officer needs to worry about in a life-or-death situation is whether their body camera is on.

## Data Management

Pro-Vision offers an optional evidence management program, [SecuraMax](#), which is a CJIS-compliant solution that simplifies the data management process and saves time. SecuraMax allows you to request video, blur faces automatically and share footage with individuals either inside or outside your organization. It's also important to consider the license billing structure of the software solution. Are you paying per uploading device or by how many users have access? If there will be many non-uploading users who are reviewing videos, then it could get expensive quickly.

## About Pro-Vision

Founded in 2003, Pro-Vision is a leading video technology solutions provider trusted by thousands of organizations in 58 countries. Pro-Vision solutions include vehicle video recording systems, body-worn cameras, data management and cloud-based storage solutions. Pro-Vision's transit, law enforcement and commercial partners utilize these solutions to enhance safety, increase productivity and protect critical assets.



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