

# President's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice

## Commission Hearing Sample Questions April 20, 2020

### Drones:

What is the best way for state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to stay abreast of potential cyber-security concerns with the purchase of foreign manufactured drones?

Can you talk about some of the new and interesting uses of drone technology in law enforcement operations that you are learning about as you travel the nation? Is it's utility expanding as law enforcement finds new ways to support operational activities?

On the issue of counter-measures, If I think I have a potential threat, perhaps we have a large gathering or sporting event, how would you advise us to proceed to ensure that we're doing everything we need to do to ensure that malicious drone use threats are accounted for?

Some of the international examples of drones being used to aid in the fight against corona are fascinating, if not a little unnerving in terms of privacy and civil liberties. Are there ways you can imagine drones being used to aid in our fight against the virus? Without getting so close as to monitor peoples' temperatures and to detect their coughs. But there must be some way they could be beneficial to aid rural communities or vulnerable populations, such as the homeless.

### Facial Recognition:

A common thread across all panelists today is that though technological advances are aiding law enforcement in extraordinary ways, we must ensure that we balance these tools with privacy and civil liberty protections. Can you expand on the use of FRT and social media? It's not unusual that a simple search of a public profile on Facebook could lead you to find a photo of someone engaged in criminal or potentially criminal behavior. What are the parameters for using FRT on individuals' photos on social media? And how do we safeguard privacy?

I'm wondering Can you summarize the direction of policy and legislation at the federal, state, and local level, and what does that mean for the future of law enforcement's use of this technology?

Are there things happening in the defense, intelligence, and the commercial research world that excite you about the potential for law enforcement public safety use, and if so can you give us some example?

Talk to us about the bottlenecks in aggregating video and still images to deliver useful operational, actionable, information for law enforcement use? Is it a technology challenge, or is it a human resource challenge? Or both?



There have been multiple high-profile third-party and independent assessments and studies of facial recognition. In your opinion, What are the areas of so-called disagreement where the gap is close to being bridged?

What is the next break-through advancement in this technology – is it the reduction in false-positives and false-negatives, and which areas of study will help reduce the error rate?

**Body Worn Cameras:**

Mr. Mosler, you mentioned the importance of understanding what will and will not be caught on video. I'm curious as to how to remedy the issue of privacy when bystanders/witnesses are caught on BWCs during an active crime scene? k

Could either Mr. Mosler or Mr. Bruegge touch briefly on the intersection of Facial Recognition Technology and Body Worn Cameras?

Any/all panelists: Advancements in technology undoubtedly move at a pace that government struggles to keep up with. I'm wondering if anyone has any suggestions for how we can do a better job to ensure that government isn't falling behind with issues pertaining to tech – whether it is balancing privacy and public safety, dealing with encryption, or adapting sentencing guidelines to better reflect tech crimes – as with the example of the misdemeanor drone offense.

Can you tell us about the unintended consequences of implementing this technology? What about the benefits, either anticipated or unanticipated?

From the time you implemented the use of BWC, can describe how the use of this technology has evolved, including greater utility you are finding under different circumstances, or use in different parts of the department?

Have you worked BWC into recruit or in-service training, and could you describe how you had to plan for that? Was the cost of that anticipated, or are there costs or savings that you weren't aware of?

Without naming names, how would you describe your ongoing vendor relationship and support that you receive? Also, can you draw conclusions about how your colleagues in your region and beyond are faring with respect to vendor support?

Anecdotally, are you seeing any change in the number of citizen complaints, and in the percentage of founded/unfounded complaints?

What has been the reception to this technology by your workforce, and has that changed over time? Before you implemented your program, how did you go about working with your workforce representatives, the community, other parts of the criminal justice system like prosecutors, to plan for implementation?

Given your leadership on this issue in your own region, can you tell us about the experiences of the other agencies in your region, and are you collaborating and learning as a group? Has this coordination resulted in more consistent operational use and policies across the jurisdictions?