

Use the Camera Pilot Scorecard

Part 1: mandatory gates

These come before any comparative preference. A configuration either meets your agency's thresholds or it does not:

- 1

Applicable law, policy, labor, records, disclosure, prosecutor, and security review, with counsel where needed.
- 2

Uniform and mount retention plus accessible activation under realistic movement and protective equipment.
- 3

A full-shift battery test on your configured resolution, prebuffer, radios, GPS, streaming, and temperature.
- 4

Upload and dock throughput at shift change, plus role-based access, audit, retention, usable media and metadata export, approved third-party DEMS or report-drafting handoff, legal hold, and prosecutor handoff. The [body camera chain of custody](#) guide covers the evidence path.
- 5

Written service, warranty, replacement, end-of-life, data-return, and migration terms.

Security requirements, including CJIS Security Policy obligations, belong in gates 1 and 4 as items applied evenly to every bidder: how data is stored, retained, deleted, and handled across each vendor's stack.

Part 2: the adjustable worksheet

Configurations that clear your gates enter the worksheet. Your agency sets the weights; no weight here is designed to favor any vendor.

Test	Agency weight	Camera A observed result	Camera B observed result	Evidence captured	Owner
Capture and audio in representative day and night scenarios	Agency sets			Original files and reviewer notes	Training/patrol

Battery under configured shift conditions	Agency sets	Start/end percentage, settings, temperature	Program lead
Mount retention and activation ergonomics	Agency sets	Scenario checklist	Training/patrol
Dock, upload, export, third-party handoff, and prosecutor workflow	Agency sets	Timed uploads, IT logs, accepted media and metadata export, and approved integration test	IT/evidence
Support, warranty, replacement, and lifecycle cost	Agency sets	Written quote and order terms	Procurement

Two habits make the pilot defensible:

- **Collect officer feedback** while the field experience is fresh.
- **Keep the source files and decision notes** that show why each configuration passed.