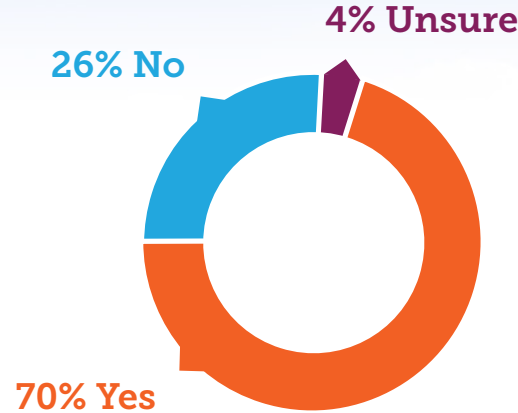# Driving Results with In-Car Video

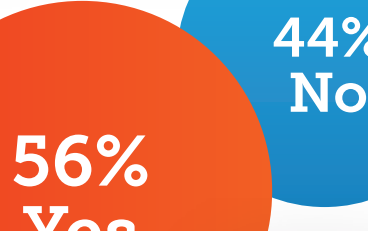How Video Evidence Systems are Impacting Modern Policing

Here's what officers had to say when asked about video's impact on their jobs in a 2014 PoliceOne survey

Widely adopted...but still some challenges
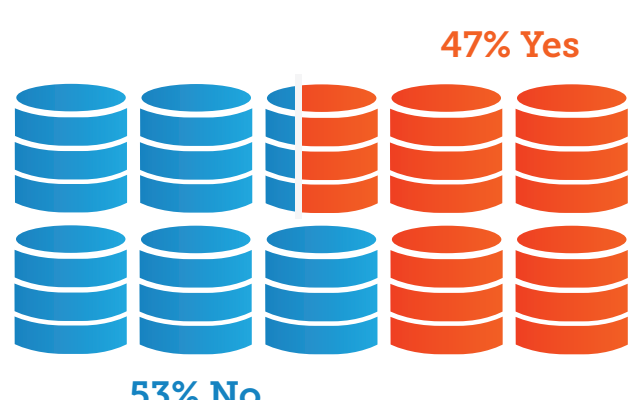
1 Does your agency use in-car video systems?

4% Unsure
26% No
70% Yes

2 Have you used mobile video for new recruit or in-service training?

56% Yes
44% No

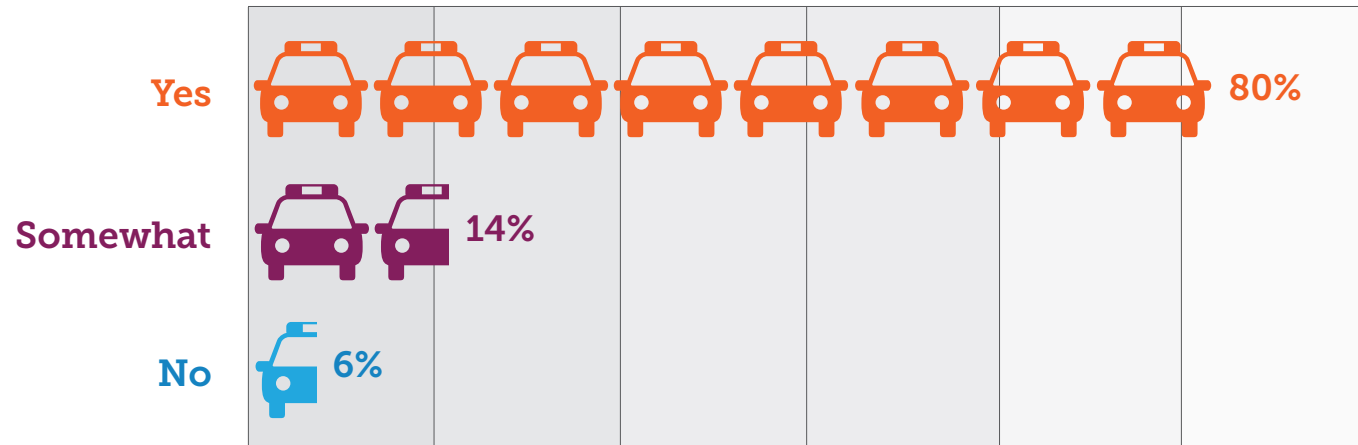"I would not want to work without it."
- Sergeant at a small dept.

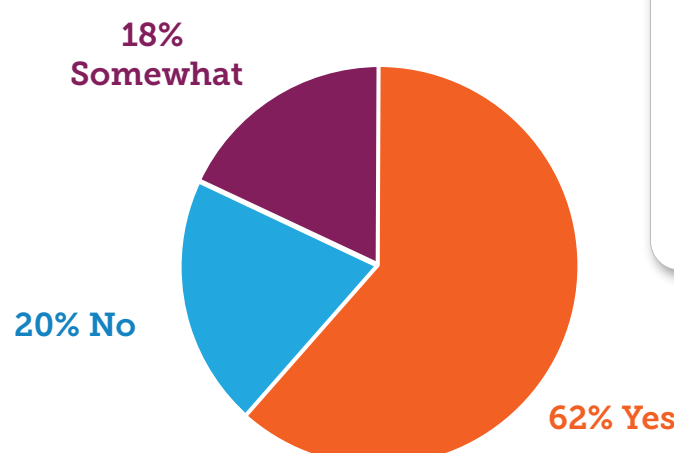**3** Have you ever experienced challenges transferring, managing or finding video evidence?

47% Yes
53% No

Better officer accountability and protection

4 Do you feel mobile video systems, such as in-car video systems, increase accountability?

Yes 80%
Somewhat 14%
No 6%

5 In your experience, has use of video by law enforcement led to a decrease in unsubstantiated citizen claims?

18% Somewhat
20% No
62% Yes

"People threaten to record me all the time; I point at the camera and say, 'We are both recording then.'"
- Deputy at a large police dept.

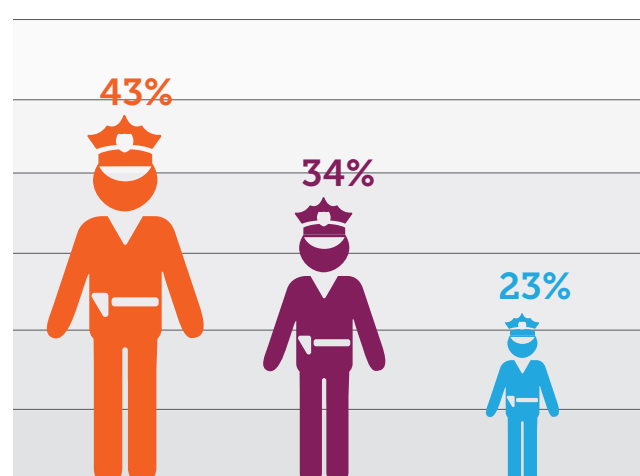## Helping departments close cases faster

6 Have you ever used video evidence to solve a case or secure a conviction?

"Video has saved me from several complaints. It also has led to more guilty pleas since you can't argue with video footage."
- Master police officer at a large police dept.

23% No
77% Yes

7 In your experience, has video evidence from in-car video systems reduced burden on prosecutors and time spent in court?

43% Yes
34% Somewhat
23% No

"The sheer increase in convictions, decrease in court time and complaints makes it all worth it. It is absolutely amazing and an indispensable part of our equipment."
- Sergeant at a small police dept.

Quality matters

58% Yes   42% No

62% Yes   38% No

8 Have you ever experienced a situation where poor quality made video evidence unusable?

9 Have you ever experienced difficulty capturing usable video evidence in low-light or dark conditions?

Tips for using mobile video evidence in your agency

1 **Establish policies, procedures, and protocols.** Getting a clearly defined policy in place can make all the difference in the program's success.

2 **Quality matters.** It's critical that video that could be used as evidence is as high quality as possible. High resolution video may pick up the important details.

3 **Ensure evidence integrity.** The correct steps must be taken to capture, transmit, store and handle video files to ensure this critical evidence is admissible in court.

4 **Don't forget the back end.** Agencies must have a strategy for offloading, storing and managing video and evidence files from multiple sources to ensure they're easily and quickly accessible.

5 **Consider video beyond the vehicle.** Wearable cameras and mounted network cameras are other options worth exploring.

Read more video evidence tips at: http://www.policeone.com/5-mobile-video-tips