

Case Study

Applications for Mounted Police

Mounted Police forces are often heavily involved in policing large crowds of football fans, outside the stadium grounds, during high-profile matches. Using Wireless CCTV equipment, the real-time deployment of police officers can be managed by the *Match Commander* in the Control Room, who has live access to the WCCTV 3G Body-Worn video feeds and can monitor the supporters' behaviour, en route for the game, throughout the city centre.



■ The Challenge:

Large crowds, during events such as football matches and demonstrations, often imply a heightened risk for public safety. Managing the available police force resources, in these circumstances, can be a delicate task since the allocation of these resources is based on ever-changing situations. Control Room operators need to be able to assess conditions in the field in real time and deploy police forces accordingly.



The main objective in this context is to enable sufficient officers to be deployed to a situation to enable public safety.

■ The Solution:

In order to provide Control Room operators with real-time video footage and allow assessment of the situation on the ground, Mounted Police officers have been equipped with **WCCTV 3G Camera Vests**.

The 3G Camera Vest's central unit uses a robust Compact Flash card for digital evidential quality recording of agents' video footage.

Using 3G mobile phone technology, images and sound can be remotely monitored by a supervisor, who can evaluate the situation in real-time and despatch assistance or advise the agent on possible courses of action.

A GPS receiver can be integrated, allowing control room operators to track and map deployed agents.



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Wireless CCTV's new 3G body-worn solutions have been developed in order to satisfy the growing demand for body-worn surveillance equipment whether that equipment is covert or overt.

The 3G body-worn solutions strongly improve security for agents in the field and allows supervisors to coordinate tactical operations involving multiple agents, while reducing the need for paperwork. Wireless CCTV has developed a range of overt solutions such as the **Camera Vest** and **Belt** options.

The WCCTV 3G **Covert Backpack** is ideal for agents who need evidential quality recording of suspects on the move. The backpack houses all of Wireless CCTV's bodyworn technology in a covert package.

Main Features and Benefits of the 3G Camera Vest:

- Truly portable surveillance solution
- Digital evidential quality recording 3G (HSUPA), with automatic GPRS fallback, guarantees virtually unrestricted geographical coverage
- Instant re-deployability
- Track and map agents' locations at all times using an optional GPS receiver
- Remote access to [live and recorded digital footage](#)
- **Panic Alarm Button** notifies control room instantly
- Free unlicensed Single View Software



The Results:

During a 'Category C' football match the camera transmitted live pictures to the control room. This allowed forward planning during an escort of approximately 300 away supporters. When potential escalating disorder was occurring, the camera was deployed to the area [to give a true picture of the situation](#) rather than being reliant on subjective input from individual officers.

On a separate occasion, although not transmitting, the recording still took place and was [later used as evidence](#) in an arrest and for football banning orders. This would have been used as evidence in court proceedings in the event of a not guilty plea.



"The ability to transmit live pictures to the Control Room during an event assists greatly in Policing the event with adequate resources and ensuring public safety."



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