

NYPD Pulls Nearly 3,000 Lithium Ion Body Cameras After The Lithium Ion Batteries In Them Start Smoking And Exploding

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A type of police body cam has been taken yanked by the NYPD after one officer reported it exploded. The Miami Police Department had a similar problem. Marc Santia reports.

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Not long after, the camera exploded, according to the NYPD. No one was injured by the explosion, the department said.

"The incident revealed a potential for the battery inside the camera to ignite," the NYPD said in a statement.

Axon, the parent company of Viewu, said it was working closely with the NYPD to investigate.

"Officer safety is of the utmost importance to Axon," the company said in a statement. "We will do whatever is necessary to quickly and safely resolve this situation."

Of the 15,500 body-worn cameras deployed around the city, 2,990 are LE-5 cameras, the NYPD said.

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Those officers will not be wearing body cameras in the interim, the NYPD said.