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*Recently the union was approached by the importer of Viewu products from Allthingsdigital asking if we were interested in having a look at some of his products, after looking at a quick overview of the Viewu wearable video camera I agreed to give it a trial. There are several different types the model I obtained was the PVR – PRO 2.*

Initially what impressed me most was the ease with which a bumbling computer idiot like me could manage the system. All instructions were easy to follow with the device and associated ancillary items easy to assemble and use. What is the device you ask, put simply it's a self contained audio/video camera that can be attached to your uniform, GAV or mounted on the windscreen of a vehicle.

The Viewu is activated by sliding the raised lens cover which can be easily found and manipulated using one hand and without having to look at it. There is a green led light, only visible to the operator, on top of the device which can be seen with your peripheral vision. To deactivate reverse the action. I found it easy to turn on and off even with a pair of woolen gloves on.

For those that understand, the Viewu records in AVI, has a 4 GB memory, with four hours of recording/battery life and is charged by either USB to your computer or via AC adaptor. The resolution is 640 X 480. The image and sound quality are great, it is contained in a shock/water resistant cover and is supplied with an alligator type clip for attachment to uniform and a reinforced press/stud for attachment to GAV. There is also a 360' mount for the vehicle that enables you to video cars/objects outside the vehicle, then should you be joined by one of our clients it enables you to record inside the cabin area as well. The image is time and date stamped and set to Greenwich meantime, just take off ten hours for local times, and can't be tampered with as a security feature.

I used the device in the field and promise you that no animals were used whilst testing. During a short foot pursuit and scuffle the device remained secured to my shirt, I am still waiting for a GAV because I'm apparently too large so I did not attach it to a GAV as the press stud pierces the GAV when it is fitted so I can't comment on that aspect. The Viewu is quick to mount and dismount from the vehicle with image quality remaining quite high. The LE (Law Enforcement) version of the same device has all the above features but has security installed so that the user can not edit/delete/alter the images obtained, therefore evidence wise the images are ready

for use in any court situation. The proprietor may be contacted on 0422897894 or online at [allthingsdigital.com.au](http://allthingsdigital.com.au) where there are links to products. I have attached a couple of photos but suggest if you want a good look at this and other products go to the web site.



Our Industrial Relations Officers are in the process of finalising a survey for the upcoming EB. You will be able to access it on our web site and it will be mailed to you as well. If you have not updated your address with the union fill in the change of address form in the journal and fax or email it in. I also urge each and every one of you to get to branch meetings, now is the time to start building momentum for the upcoming fight. 'A mate brought to my attention an article from the Times/Colonist in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. The date was 5 August, 2009. It starts off welcoming Saanich's new police chief Mike Chadwick and talks about another matter and I'll quote the rest.

'One item on Chadwick's radar is to investigate workload issues created by the PRIME police reporting tool, implemented in 2004. The digital system is more time-consuming for officers than the previous paper system, he said. Previously, officers would dictate notes to data entry clerks from their cars, but now have to return to the detachment to fill out reports. Chadwick wants to make sure that system isn't taking away from the police presence on the road.' Now I'll qualify his comments by stating that he is in charge of 150 police however his comments about police presence shouldn't be ignored. I would like to find out if our PRIME system has detracted from the police presence on the road.

From my humble perspective (senior constable first response officer at a large divisional station) I would estimate that I'm 'off the road' anywhere between 30 and 50% more since QPRIME. I'd be interested to see results of the surveys that are regularly done. If that is the case then heads should role, policing is about being proactive in the community not sitting behind a desk patiently looking through the many qprime flow charts trying to get a full brief in.'

Remember each and every one of you is 'the union'.

**Anyway, be careful out there.**

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