

# F.I.R.E (Ferguson Intervention Recording Equipment)



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# System Overview

## Original Ideas:

- Vehicle data repository
- BlueTooth data transmission between local memory unit and camera
- All-in-one unit (camera and local memory unit)
- Proximity capacitive touch sensors
- Eyeglasses mounted
- 4G capability / live-streaming



Simplify!

## Final Design:

Chest mounted camera and microphone with belt mounted Local Memory Unit and NFC sensor array, all powered by battery

## Main Accomplishments:

1. Simply, easy to use
2. Small, lightweight, and functional
3. Given that many breakout boards were used, our design shows that an even smaller and more efficient system could be developed

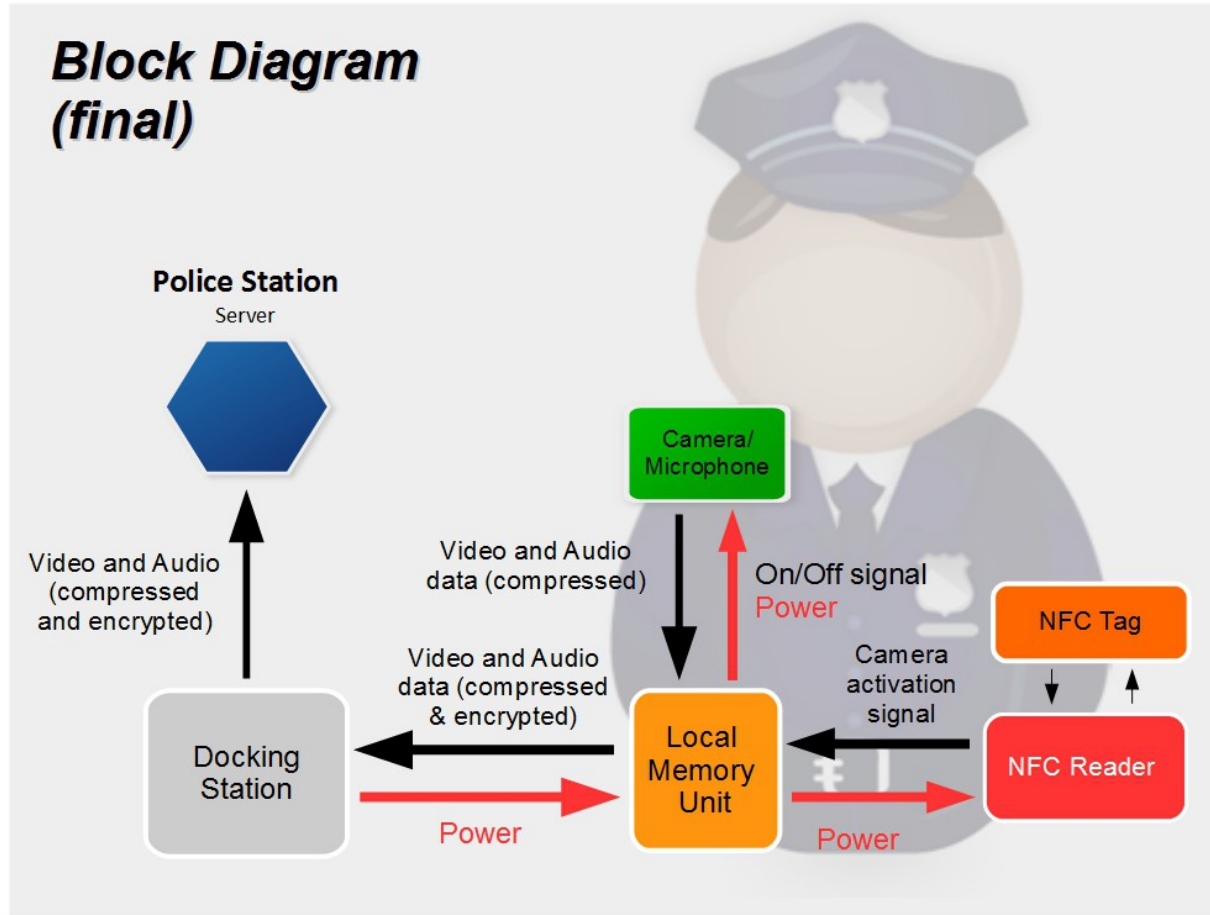
# Overall System Functionality

## Final Requirements Met:

- Video/audio compressed to record 2.2GB/Hour
- Real time clock
- Push-button camera activation
- AES encryption implemented
- NFC reader for camera activation
- Independent activation of camera and mic
- Pre-record of two minutes
- GPS



# Final Block Diagram



# Overview – Camera/Mic Unit

## Parts:

- Logitech C270 webcam w/mic
- USB connection instead of ribbon cable with BBB  
Camera Cape
- Auto-light correction, noise-cancellation and improved gain

## Function/Connections:

- Both power and data flow are controlled via USB connection to BBB
- Current software version activates both video and audio upon device trigger



*Logitech C270 webcam  
in 3-D printed enclosure*



# Overview – 3D Printing

- **Autodesk Inventor 2015 (free trial version)**
  - **CAD software to develop enclosure models**
  - **Created .stl files (STereoLithography or Standard Tessellation Language)**
- **Uprint SE Plus 3D printer in M5**
- **About 3 drafts per enclosure before finished product**
- **Problems mostly involved in attaining accurate locations for enclosure ports**
- **Changing dimensions of models in Inventor also non-intuitive**
- **NOTE: 3D printed material not ideal**
  - **Plastic too brittle; metal enclosure for LMU more realistic**
  - **Need for waterproofing not considered**



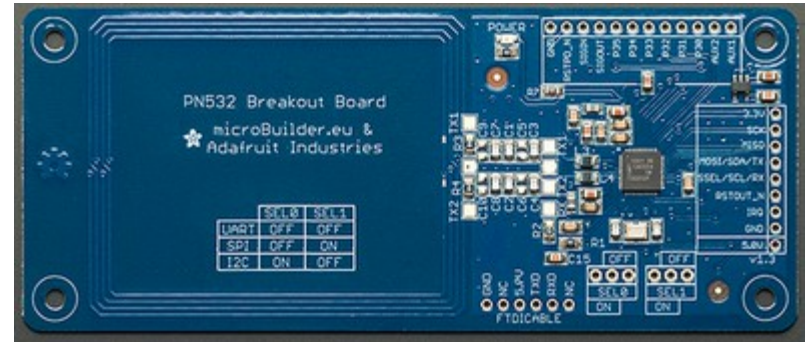
# Overview – NFC Sensor Array

## Design:

- NFC evaluation board has been replaced with Adafruit's PM 532 Breakout Board.
- Made to work with Beaglebone Black

## Function:

- Detects when tag is removed from field and turns camera with audio on
- Tags have been affixed to handcuffs



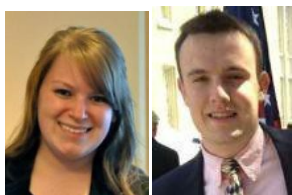
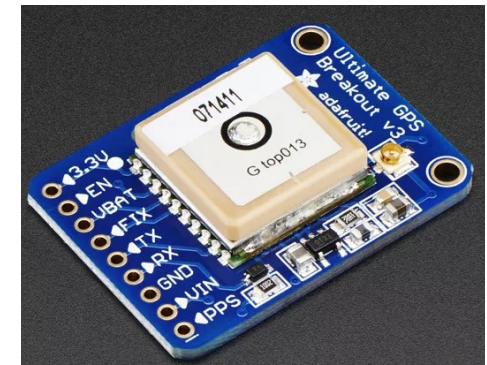
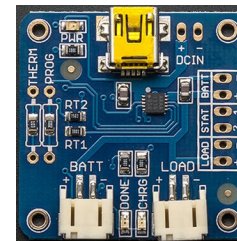
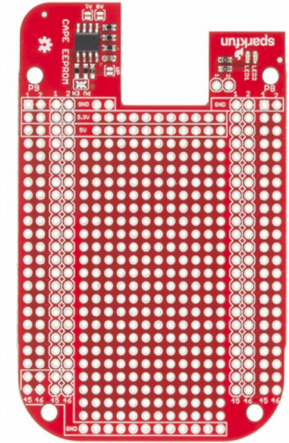
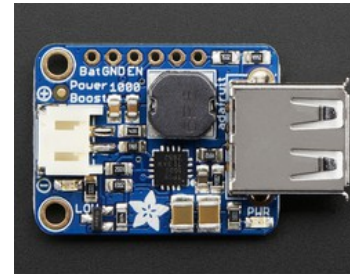
# Overview – Local Memory Unit (LMU)

## Parts:

- Proto-cape with EEPROM
- Polymer Lithium battery (3.7V at 2000mAh)
- USB Lilon/LiPoly charger - v1.2
- PowerBoost 1000 Basic - 5V USB
- GPS Chip

## Function/Connections:

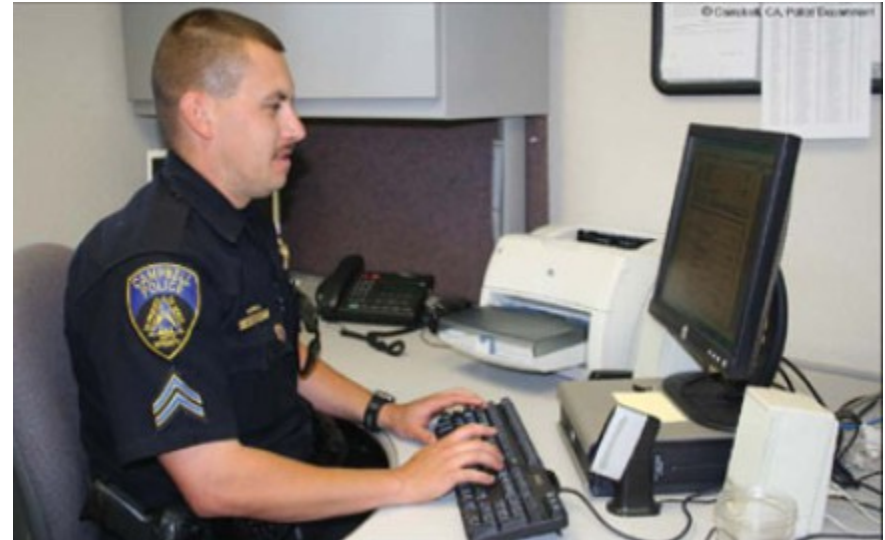
- LMU receives weapon pull signal via GPIO pins in proto-cape
- Activates recording via USB connection to camera/mic
- Compresses and stores data into EEPROM with timestamp and GPS information





# Security Overview

- Data is encrypted using AES encryption algorithm
- Key is generated which can be assigned to person who wishes to access recordings
- There are multiple use scenarios for the key management
- The most likely scenario would involve the keys being held by ranking officers or head IT personnel
- Thus, the key management system can fit any department ranging from large (PDNY) to small (any town around Amherst area)



# Overview – Software Component

## Parts/Design:

- BeagleBone Black
- (1 GHz, 512 MB DDR3L & 4GB eMMC Flash)

## Software Implementations:

- Built on Angstrom distribution of Linux
- Automatic activation built with Python
- Recording with FFMpeg
- GPS communicating over UART
- NFC communicating over I2C

## Encodings:

- Video: MJPEG
- Audio: AC3\_Fixed
- GPS: NMEA

## Libraries Used:

- LibNFC, Adafruit\_BBIO, PySerial, PyCrypto

