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Body-Worn Video Policy

Purpose:

The EPS use of Body-Worn Video (BWV) is intended to enhance public safety, foster increased public trust and transparency, and assist in the prosecution and resolution of matters before the courts. The BWV Policy and procedure provide EPS employees and authorized personnel with guidance and direction about the approved use of BWV Technology and the management of BWV Recordings.

Statement of Principle:

EPS will undertake to phase in use of BWV for all sworn members who have interactions with the public. The EPS provides BWV Technology to support sworn members in the performance of their duties and imposes training and handling requirements to ensure the equipment is handled professionally and lawfully.

Definitions:

Definitions listed in this section apply to this document only with no implied or intended organization-wide or EPS Policy and Procedure Manual-wide use.

BWV Technology – Includes the physical body-worn camera and a Digital Evidence Management System (DEMS) with the capabilities of providing real-time authorized access and any mobile-based applications enabling such access or connectivity.

BWV Recording – A digital record, captured by a body-worn camera, which includes video and audio information.

Law Enforcement Interaction – Any direct contact between a police officer and a member of the public initiated for the purpose of law enforcement.

Use of Force – Any Category I or Category II Use of Force Event as defined in **OP7-1PR Reasonable Officer Response Procedure**.

Policy Statement:



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1. The purpose of BWV is to capture the interactions that police officers have with members of the public when those interactions are determined to be, or could become, investigative or enforcement related. BWV is not intended to be used to capture the entirety of the user's shift.
2. Members who are equipped with BWV are required to complete necessary training and adhere to **IS14-1PR Body-Worn Video Procedure**. Information Governance Branch has oversight and governance of this Procedure.
3. While equipped with a BWV, members must:
 - a. record all investigative or Law Enforcement Interactions,
 - b. record even when other officers with BWV Technology are present and recording, and
 - c. record even when they are not the member in charge.
4. BWV is not intended to replace notes or notetaking; rather, BWV and written notes are complimentary to one another. The existence of BWV also must be noted in occurrence reports, (via the Police Will State) and if no recording is available, an explanation must be documented.
5. Members are required to ensure that private or sensitive information is dealt with in accordance with the BWV procedure and applicable statutory provisions.
6. Members are responsible to ensure BWV is in working order prior to use. If malfunctions are identified, BWV users must inform their supervisors as soon as practicable and document the malfunction in their police notebook.
7. Deliberate deactivation during an investigative or Law Enforcement Interaction must only be done in accordance with the BWV procedure.
8. The release, sharing, or viewing of BWV must only be undertaken in accordance with the BWV procedure.
9. Random annual spot audits of BWV usage will be done to ensure compliance with policy.