

**Audits of Body Worn Camera Footage
Pursuant to City Code 2.10.200
December 2021**

SUMMARY

This memorandum constitutes a random audit, pursuant to City Code 2.10.200.E, of body worn camera recordings for the month of December 2021. The ordinance requires that any findings of material non-compliance with state law, City Code and Police Department policy to be referred to the Chief of Police, the Mayor, the Council Chair, the Mayor's Chief of Staff, and the City Attorney.

The system used by the Department, at the time this audit was conducted, cannot randomly generate a body worn camera recording based on a particular timeframe. Because of that limitation, a random number generator was used to identify 5 case numbers (out of 4,634 case numbers) from the month. If a case number had multiple recordings for that case number, a recording was randomly selected for review.

Of the five matters that were reviewed, the audit found no matters where there was material non-compliance with City Code, State law, and/or Department policy.

BODY WORN CAMERA REVIEWS

Case No. 1

Summary

Officer responds to a minor traffic accident between two vehicles near 1300 East. The involved drivers were friendly and the driver who was not at-fault did not want to have the at-fault teen driver cited. Officer facilitated exchange of information between the parties and concluded the call.

Finding

Officers on scene appear to materially comply with State and City Codes and Departmental Policy.

Case No. 2

Summary

Officer responds to a trespass call where he, and other officers, encounter a woman who was accused of urinating on the property of the complainant. Officers speak to the woman and obtain some background on her (she's a veteran who had lived in VA housing but now lives at the shelter). Officers advise her that she has been trespassed from the complainant's property. She was not cited nor arrested.

Finding

Officers appear to materially comply with State and City Codes and Departmental Policy.

Case No. 3

Summary

Officer responds to a call where a person has requested via dispatch that he needs to be taken to the hospital because he suffers from delusions and paranoia. The primary responding officer appears to have already called for an ambulance. Officers speak to the person about his previous hospitalizations and issues and wait with him until the ambulance arrives. Officers check with EMTs to determine if they would like the officers to stick around. They are told no and the officers conclude the call.

Finding

Officers appear to materially comply with State and City Codes and Departmental Policy.

Case No. 4

Summary

Officer, along with other officers, is in pursuit of a person who is fleeing them and appears to be discarding drugs while running from officers. During the foot pursuit, the subject officer draws his taser and threatens the suspect but does not use it. Officers eventually apprehend the suspect without using the taser. He is handcuffed by the subject officer. The officers bring the suspect to his feet and walk him to a patrol vehicle.

After transferring him to a patrol vehicle, the subject officer looks for any items that were discarded by the suspect during the foot pursuit, presumably for evidentiary and public safety purposes. The subject officer returns to the suspect and speaks to him in Spanish to obtain his name and birthdate. The officer then returns to his vehicle, enters information into his MDT and the call concludes.

Finding

Officers appear to materially comply with State and City Codes and Departmental Policy.

Case No. 5

Summary

Officers respond to an apartment complex on a complaint that a tenant is upset with the constant presence of a non-tenant near her apartment door. Officers speak to the tenant and indicate that they might know who the non-tenant is. Tenant indicates that she will speak to the apartment complex management and that she does not want officers to do anything today. Officers obtain the tenant's information and concludes the call.

Finding

Officers appear to materially comply with State and City Codes and Departmental Policy.

CONCLUSION

Of the five matters reviewed, officers appear to materially comply with State and City Codes and Departmental policies.