

**Audits of Body Worn Camera Footage
Pursuant to City Code 2.10.200
October 2022**

SUMMARY

This memorandum constitutes a random audit, pursuant to City Code 2.10.200.E, of body worn camera recordings for the month of October 2022. 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 5,069 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 that officers appeared to materially comply with City Code, State law, and Department policies.

BODY WORN CAMERA REVIEWS

Case No. 1

Summary

Officers respond to a suspected theft and fleeing call at City Creek Mall. When the subject officer arrives, he encounters another officer who has detained a male who is handcuffed and seated on the pavement. The male indicates that he was struck in the head by other individuals (not officers). The man is seated in an upright position and asks if he can stand so that he can breathe. An officer tells him that he can breathe while sitting in an upright position. The male requests medical and officers call medical to respond.

As the officers wait for medical, they obtain the male's name and date of birth. The subject officer returns to his vehicle while other officers remain with the suspect. The subject officer concludes his involvement in the call.

Findings

The officers appear to comply with State and City Codes and Police Department policy.

Case No. 2

Summary

Subject officer meets with a citizen who called in a hit and run complaint. Citizen says damage to vehicle was minor but that she wants to report it. Officer obtains information about the suspect vehicle. Officer then gives the citizen a case number and informs her of the next steps. Officer returns to his vehicle and concludes the call.

Findings

The officers appear to comply with State and City Codes and Police Department policy.

Case No. 3

Summary

Subject officer responds to a call at the airport parking lot regarding a traffic accident. A citizen called to report that she struck another vehicle while parking her own vehicle. The officer provides accident reporting forms to the citizen and calls in the plate of the vehicle that was struck to see if there is a way to notify the owner. Dispatch indicates that they identified an owner and left a voicemail message for the owner. Officer informs citizen of next steps and leaves a card on the windshield of the vehicle that was struck that indicates a case number. The call concludes.

Finding

The officer appears to comply with State and City Codes and Police Department policy.

Case No. 4

Summary

Officers arrive a motel to investigate a potential domestic violence complaint. After asking motel management to open the gate, officers walk toward a particular housing unit and encounter a male who indicates that he was involved in an altercation with his girlfriend. The man willingly speaks to officers and he informs them that he was attempting to break up a fight between his girlfriend and another woman. His girlfriend is 8 months pregnant.

The man said that when his girlfriend attempted to shove the other woman, he shoved his girlfriend back and she went to the ground. Officers ask for his name and date of birth and he provides it to them.

While one officer remains with the man, the subject officer goes to speak to the girlfriend. The subject officer knocks on the door and the girlfriend indicates that she will not open the door, but that she will speak to the officer through an adjacent window.

The girlfriend tells officers that everything is fine. She denies a physical altercation with the other woman but tells officers that her boyfriend was trying to break up the fight between her and the other woman. She says that her boyfriend shoved her back to prevent the girlfriend from shoving the other woman.

Officers obtain her information and inform her that they will document this matter in a report. Officers indicate that they do not see any visible injuries. Officers tell her that she should call police if she needs them. Officers approach the man and tell him that it may be advisable to leave the area if tensions with his girlfriend flare back up.

Officers do not arrest or cite anybody for an offense and the call concludes.

Finding

Departmental Policy 310 governs police response on matters involving allegations of domestic violence and from the information contained on the body worn camera recording, it appears that the officers complied with Departmental policy and State and City Codes. Beyond the authority of this audit is to determine whether officers complied with state law and Departmental policy requirements related to documenting the matter in a written report.

Case No. 5

Summary

Subject officer arrives at LDS Hospital to speak with a person in the emergency room who was struck by a truck while riding his bicycle. The person has visible injuries on his face and head. The officer obtains information from the victim and asks him to fill out a witness statement. The person indicates that he was struck near Sugar House Park and that he rode his bicycle to LDS Hospital.

The officer speaks to nursing staff and they indicate that he was picked up by ambulance near 1500 east and 900 South. As the officer is speaking to nursing staff, the person walks out of the room and hands the officer the paperwork. The person did not fill out the witness statement. The officer manages to give the person a case number and the person indicates that he will take an Uber or Lyft home. The call concludes.

Findings

The officer appears to comply with State and City Codes and Police Department policy.

CONCLUSION

Of the five matters that were reviewed, the audit found that officers appeared to materially comply with City Code, State law, and Department policies.