Audits of Body Worn Camera Footage Pursuant to City Code 2.10.200 February 2023

SUMMARY

This memorandum constitutes a random audit, pursuant to City Code 2.10.200.E, of body worn camera recordings for the month of February 2023. 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 4,144 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 arrive at a hospital emergency room because hospital personnel called to state that a patient in the ER was belligerent and making threats of self-harm. Hospital personnel state that the patient has stabilized and inform officers that the situation stabilized and that they are no longer needed. Officers tell hospital personnel to call them if anything further happens with the patient.

Findings

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

Case No. 2

Summary

Officers encounter a very emotional and intoxicated man on a sidewalk with his dog. There appears to be complaint from a woman who lives down the street from where the man encountered officers that the man trespassed upon her property. The man indicates that his dog was going to chase the woman's cat, but that he stopped his dog before it did so.

The man indicates that he's going through a hard time. The officers let the man go after telling him that he's been trespassed from the woman's property.

Findings

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

Case No. 3

Summary

Officer arrives at the offices located at the Airport's parking exit on a call that a vehicle damaged an exit gate and did not remain on scene to address the matter. The officer obtains identifying information from the security camera footage of the vehicle to locate the driver. The officer also obtains photographs of the damaged exit gate. The call concludes after obtaining this information.

Finding

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

Case No. 4

Summary

Officer responds to a residence to document a stolen vehicle. The officer provides the required forms to the victim and collects the forms once they have been filled out and concludes the call.

Finding

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

Case No. 5

Summary

Officers stop and talk to a person who is on a sidewalk outside a residence. Officers also speak to a person who was in the passenger seat of a car that is beside the first person. Officer asks questions about why they are outside the residence. Officer then knocks on the door of the residence and the homeowner indicates that he was concerned about the two men and wanted them trespassed from his property. Officers inform the two people that they are trespassed and that they need to leave.

Findings

The officers appear 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.