Audits of Body Worn Camera Footage Pursuant to City Code 2.10.200 March 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 March 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 5,125 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 are allowed into a residence and take a person into custody. The officers place handcuffs on the person and escort him to a patrol vehicle.

Findings

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

Case No. 2

Summary

Officers are in a parking lot in downtown Salt Lake City and one officer takes a person into custody and escorts him to a patrol vehicle. There appear to be others milling about the parking lot and a security guard tells the subject officer that he will be towing vehicles that are not authorized to park in the lot. After the person who was placed in custody is transported to the jail, others in the parking lot begin to disperse and the remaining officers begin to leave.

Findings

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

Case No. 3

Summary

Officer arrives as other officers are handling a traffic stop. The subject officer is standing by while other officers search the vehicle and talk to the occupants. Officers find marijuana in the vehicle and seize it. The officers verify that the occupants do not have medical cannabis cards.

Finding

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

Case No. 4

Summary

Female officer is called to scene to conduct a search incident to arrest of a female arrestee before the arrestee is transported to the Jail. After concluding the search, the officer concludes the call.

Finding

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

Case No. 5

Summary

Officer records his telephone conversation with a victim who is concerned about the threats and harassment from his girlfriend's mother's boyfriend. After obtaining information from the victim, 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.