Audits of Body Worn Camera Footage Pursuant to City Code 2.10.200 June 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 June 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 4,998 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

An officer responds to a County Recreation Center complaint about vandalism to a window in an entryway. The officer speaks to a manager of the Rec Center and documents the matter in a police report. The officer concludes the call after taking the report.

Findings

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

Case No. 2

Summary

An officer responds to the exterior of a facility where Fire and Ambulance personnel are speaking to a person. A Fire EMT informs the officer that they are responding to a call from a suicidal subject who has asked to be transported to a hospital. Officer documents the matter and concludes the call.

Findings

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

Case No. 3

Summary

An officer responds to a gas station where another officer and a crime scene technician are documenting injuries on victim. After the injuries are documented, the matter concludes.

Finding

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

Case No. 4

Summary

An officer responds to a gas station where a store manager has called in a complaint regarding an object being thrown through one of the store's windows. Officers conduct a brief investigation and take the report. The matter concludes after officers document the matter.

Finding

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

Case No. 5

Summary

Officers respond to an apartment on a call that a father left his young child home alone. Officers respond and knock on the door and announce their presence multiple times. Eventually the occupants open the door. Officers speak to the father and mother. Mother says it was as misunderstanding as the father had run to his car. Officers conclude the call.

Findings

The officers appeared 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.