

**Audits of Body Worn Camera Footage
Pursuant to City Code 2.10.200
September 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 September 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 5,098 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 restaurant after a caller reported observing an alleged domestic violence incident (the incident is not described by officers on camera). Officers speak to restaurant staff and the staff indicate that their address is not the same address where the incident is alleged to have occurred. Staff also indicate that they have not observed a domestic violence incident. Officers search the area to see if they can find the address (the address does not tie into a building address) or anything that might relate to the call. The call concludes when officers return to their vehicles after finding nothing that would indicate a domestic violence incident.

Findings

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

Case No. 2

Summary

Officer arrives to a sidewalk adjacent to a strip mall where other officers are speaking to a subject who has been accused by another woman of throwing items at her. The subject with whom officers are speaking to was apparently running in and out of traffic playing "chicken" with cars on a busy road. The subject appears to be in emotional distress and informs officers that she suffers from a brain tumor and seizures. The subject complains that a truck has been following her.

The woman who had items thrown at her by the subject tells officers that she wants to press charges and officers issue the subject a misdemeanor citation and conclude the call. Officers

assure the subject that she is not going to jail. Officers offer to connect the subject with social services but the subject declines.

Findings

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

Case No. 3

Summary

Sergeant arrives on scene to conduct an arrest check of a person who is being taken to jail for resisting arrest. The subject disagrees with the arrest and the sergeant informs the subject that he watched the body camera recording from the arresting officers and confirms there was probable cause to arrest.

Finding

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

Case No. 4

Summary

Officer arrives at a restaurant to assist Fire medical personnel. After medical personnel take a person on a stretcher to an ambulance for transport, the officer concludes the call.

Finding

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

Case No. 5

Summary

Officer responds to a call that a person has recovered his truck that was stolen from him earlier in the day. The truck has been stripped of some parts and has to be towed. Officer offers to arrange for a tow, but the person says that they are able to tow the disabled truck with another truck. The officer collects witness statements from the owner of the truck and concludes the call.

Findings

The officer 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.