# Audits of Body Worn Camera Footage Salt Lake City Police Department Pursuant to City Code 2.10.200 October 2025

#### 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, 2025. 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 (BWC) recording based on a particular timeframe. Because of that limitation, a random number generator was used to identify 5 case numbers (out of 5,760 case numbers) from the month. If a case number had multiple recordings for that case number, a recording was randomly selected for review.

### **Body Worn Camera Reviews**

#### Case No. 1

# Summary

The Subject Officer is walking in the hospital with the Subject Male who is restrained in handcuffs. Subject Officer escorts the Subject Male out of the hospital to the backseat of his patrol vehicle. Subject Officer informs dispatch that he is departing the hospital and going to the Salt Lake County jail before driving.

The Subject Officer arrives at the County jail. While the Subject Male is sitting in the backseat of the patrol vehicle, the Subject Officer asks Subject Male if he remembers his Miranda rights and is still willing to speak to him. The Subject Male nods his head "yes". The Subject Male has the appearance of being impaired. Subject Officer interviews the Subject Male about tools bought by Subject Male that were probably stolen. Subject Male eventually says, "maybe the tools were stolen." Subject Officer instructs the Subject Male to step out of the patrol vehicle and walk to the jail door.

The Subject Officer says, "Contact has ended. Going off camera. I'm on jail camera now."

# **Finding**

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

#### Case No. 2

### Summary

The Subject Officer arrives at the scene and approaches three individuals who are standing on the sidewalk. The Subject Male states that he was driving his vehicle and accidentally collided with the vehicle of the Subject Female, who appears to be a city employee and driving a Salt Lake City owned vehicle. Another male, who also appears to be a city employee, is standing next to the city vehicle. Subject Officer collects information from each person, inspects each vehicle, provides exchange forms to the drivers, and photographs the damage to the vehicles.

After allowing all individuals to depart from the scene Subject Officer returns to the patrol vehicle. Subject Officer says, "end of case, off video" and turns off the BWC.

### **Finding**

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

#### Case No. 3

### Summary

The Subject Officer is engaging with the Subject Female, who is standing on the sidewalk, regarding a potential theft of her property by a male suspect. Another police officer arrives on the scene. Subject Officer permits Subject Female to sit in the backseat of the patrol vehicle and assists her with filling out the required documents.

The Subject Officer asks Subject Female for a description of the male suspect and the items stolen. Subject Female states that she knows the location of the male. Subject Officer informs the Subject Female that he can speak with the suspect male, but he cannot search the male or his property for the stolen items. Subject Officer and the Subject Female move to the location where she believes the suspect male is located. At the location, which appears to be in near a shelter, there are two other females and another police officer, but the male suspect is not present. Subject Officer informs the Subject Female that he will submit the report and departs the scene.

The Subject Officer says, "camera going off, end of contact" and turns off the BWC.

### **Finding**

The Subject Officer appeared to comply with State and City Codes and Police Department policy. Subject Officer was extremely patient and kind with the Subject Female while she filled out the form and explained her situation.

### Case No. 4

#### Summary

The Subject Officer is positioned in front of a stationary red vehicle. A white truck is parked behind the red vehicle, with multiple police vehicles displaying emergency lights positioned behind the truck. The Subject Officer stands near a police officer conducting an interview with the Subject Female, who is seated on the curb behind the red vehicle. Because of the Subject Officer's distance from the conversation and passing traffic the interview is difficult to hear. A male, possibly a member of the Crime Lab, arrives and begins taking pictures of the red vehicle. The Subject Female continues to stand up and walk around but the police officer continually asks her to sit down. Subject Female appears impaired. The police officer informs the Subject Female that if she doesn't sit

down he will have to place her in handcuffs. Subject Female sits and continues to speak with police officer. The Subject Officer walks to the white truck and with the assistance of a flashlight looks into the truck.

A third officer, a female officer, arrives and begins speaking with the Subject Female. The male taking pictures asks Subject Officer to assist in measuring the red car for the photographs. A fourth officer arrives and speaks with the Subject Female.

The Subject Officer stands near two officers that are speaking with two females behind the white truck. Two officers and the Subject Female walk past the Subject Officer to conduct field sobriety testing.

The Subject Officer says, "end of contact going off camera" and turns off the BWC.

### **Finding**

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

### Case No. 5

# Summary

The Subject Officer approaches the Subject Male, who is standing on the park strip adjacent to a grocery store. The Subject Male appears to be the store employee responsible for loss prevention and is looking on his mobile phone, possibly looking for pictures of the suspect. There is another police officer on scene standing next to another male, the suspect. The Subject Officer asks the Subject Male if the suspect had been trespassed in the past and the Subject Male says "yes." Subject Male informs Subject Officer that the suspect male was urinating on the property. The Subject Male says he saw the suspect male on the store cameras and Subject Officer asks if he can see the video.

The Subject Officer and Subject Male walk into the grocery store office to view the video of the incident. The Subject Officer returns to his patrol vehicle and verifies that the suspect male had been trespassed before. The Subject Officer confirms with the Subject Male the location where the suspect was urinating is grocery store property. The Subject Officer instructs Subject Male on how to submit the store's video surveillance of the suspect to the police department. The Subject Officer mutes audio for conversation with the other police officer. Subject Officer unmutes audio and reads Miranda warnings to the suspect male, who is sitting on his walker next to the other officer. Subject Officer asks suspect male if he is still willing to speak to him and suspect verbalizes, "yes." The Subject Officer asks suspect male if he urinated on the property and suspect male says "yes." The Subject Officer informs suspect male that he will receive a citation for "criminal trespass" since he has been trespassed in the past but will not charge him for the public urination or

arrest him since he is being cooperative. The suspect male says he will not return to the property in the future.

The Subject Officer returns to the patrol vehicle to fill out the citation. The other officer brings the suspect male to the patrol vehicle to collect his fingerprint. The Subject Officer gives the suspect male the citation and explains the requirements of the citation, including how to request resources if the suspect has disabilities. The Subject Officer informs the suspect that he is free to go. The other officer says, "going off" followed by the Subject Officer says "going off, end of public contact" and turns off the BWC.

# **Finding**

The officers appeared to comply with State and City Codes and Police Department policy. Subject Officer engaged all persons with respect, including the suspect male. The Subject Officer effectively communicated with the Subject Male to ensure that appropriate actions were taken and to confirm the Subject Male's agreement with the outcome.

#### CONCLUSION

In all five cases that were reviewed, the audit found that police officers appeared to materially comply with City Code and State law, and Police Department policies.