Audits of Body Worn Camera Footage
Salt Lake City Police Department
Pursuant to City Code 2.10.200
November 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 November 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 five case numbers (out of 5,226 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

Subject Officer is walking on a path towards a group of people, possibly unhoused. Another police officer is already on the scene and is speaking with some of the individuals. Subject Officer begins speaking with a male in Spanish and asks him if he was given a ticket the day before and the male says "yes". Subject Officer speaks with the Subject female in English and asks her if she has been in jail and she says "yes". The officers instruct the Subject male and the Subject female to follow them to the patrol car so that they can verify their identification. Subject Officer informs one of the males that they will have to depart the premises because they cannot camp in that location, but he can wait and watch over the belongings until the other individuals return.

Officers run the names of the Subject male and Subject female for warrants. Subject Officer asks the Subject male and Subject female to approach the patrol car to get their fingers printed. Subject Officer gives the Subject male and Subject female "illegal camping citations" and informs them of the requirements for the citations.

Subject Officer says, "End of contact."

Finding

Subject Officer appeared to comply with state statute, city code, and police department policy. Subject Officer treated the individuals with respect, building relationships by using his Spanish-speaking skills to get compliance.

Case No. 2

Summary

Subject Officer gets out of his patrol car and begins to speak with the Subject male who is standing on a park strip. Another officer arrives on scene. The Subject male asks why he is being stopped. Subject Officer tells the Subject male that he saw him without a shirt and with his pants down and that someone reported a shirtless man committing a crime. Subject Officer gets the name of Subject male and goes to patrol car to check for warrants while the other officer stays with Subject male. Subject Officer conducts some research on their laptop (possibly the lewdness statute). Subject Officer calls a female on the mobile phone, who appears to be the complainant. Subject Officer asks the female complainant to describe the suspect. Female complainant provides a description of the suspect. Female complainant says that "years ago" the same male threw a knife at her and he was arrested. Subject Officer states that he is investigating what happened today and cannot

do anything about the previous situation. Subject Officer then asks if female complainant can come to the scene to identify the Subject male. Subject Officer provides her with his location.

Subject Officer asks the female complainant if she saw the suspect's penis. She says she did not see it; however, his pants were low, and he did not have clothing underneath his pants. Subject Officer asks her if she wants him to be trespassed from the business. She says "yes". Female complainant walks to the scene (she is not seen on the BWC video). Subject Officer takes his phone off speaker and asks Subject male to stand straight up and lower his hoodie (possibly to allow female complainant to have a better view of the Subject male). Subject Officer then informs the female complainant that she can leave the scene.

Subject Officer tells the Subject male about the complainant's statements but informs him that he will not be charged with lewdness, but he will be "trespassed" from the business where the incident occurred. Subject Officer explains to the Subject male what trespassing means and asks Subject male if he understands what that means. Subject male says "yes". Subject Officer informs the Subject male that he has no warrants and is free to go.

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

Finding

Subject Officer appeared to comply with state statute, city code, and police department policy.

Case No. 3

Summary

Subject Officer arrives on the scene where an officer is speaking with some individuals. A male appears to be in pain with his hands around his groin area. Subject Officer asks the Subject male if he needs medical attention. The Subject male answers in Spanish that he needs medical attention but does not want an ambulance. The Subject male asks another male if he can take him to the hospital and the other male says "yes". Subject Officer cancels medical services. Subject Officer makes a request for a Spanish speaking officer.

The scene reveals a white truck with a missing front tire. The white truck is in the street and next to a black truck that is parked next to the curb. The individuals inform the Subject Officer that the tire of the white truck just came off and hit the black truck, but the black truck was not damaged. Subject Officer requests a tow truck.

A Spanish-speaking female officer arrives on scene, and the Subject Officer explains the situation. The Spanish-speaking officer speaks with Subject male and learns that he has a

catheter that is tangled up and therefore cannot urinate and is in pain. Subject male again states that he does not want an ambulance because of the cost.

The Spanish-speaking officer collects information from the Subject male. The Spanish-speaking officer informs the Subject Officer that she can take over the case, but Subject Officer will stay until she conducts a check on the Subject male. Subject Officer conducts warrant checks on the driver of the black truck and the Subject male and finds that neither has any warrants.

Subject male is asking to be taken to the hospital. Subject Officer decides to call back medical for the Subject male. The tow truck arrives.

Spanish-speaking officer mutes temporarily for private conversation.

Subject Officer provides Subject male information for tow truck. Spanish-speaking officer documents vehicle damage on black truck. Spanish-speaking officer informs Subject Officer that he can leave, and she will take care of the case.

Subject Officer says, “end of contact, going off”, and turns off BWC.

Finding

Officers appeared to comply with state statute, city code, and police department policy.

Case No. 4

Summary

Subject Officer is running towards an apartment with another police officer who has his firearm drawn. Officers arrive at a doorway of an apartment where several officers, including some from other jurisdictions, and a canine have surrounded a male that is lying on the floor. The officers place handcuffs on Subject male. Subject Officer and several other officers appear to conduct a protective sweep of the apartment with their firearms drawn while one officer stays to question the Subject male who is handcuffed and sitting on the floor. No other individuals are found in the apartment. Officers find blood in the bathroom. The Subject male says the apartment is his, and the blood is from his cut finger. Officers look at the Subject male’s finger to assess the cut. Officers are trying to render aid but are not sure where Subject male is hurt. Subject Officer and other officers do not believe the blood on scene is only from the cut on the Subject male’s finger.

Subject male provides a description of his boyfriend to an interviewing officer. An officer informs the Subject male that they received a call that someone was breaking into the apartment. Subject Officer walks around the apartment and finds a bedroom with furniture

in disarray and a glass window frame laying on the carpet floor. Officers observe that the window has blood on it.

Subject Officer asks if they can call the Subject male's boyfriend and Subject male says that his phone is in a bag behind a door. Subject Officer looks for the bag throughout the apartment. Subject Officer brings a bag to the Subject male, but it is not the correct bag. Subject Officer and another officer search another black bag and do not find the phone. The other officer informs the Subject Officer that Subject male gave permission to search the bag.

The officers walk into another bedroom which is in disarray. Officers cannot find the bag with Subject male's phone. Subject Officer looks through other areas of the apartment, including a couch compartment.

Emergency personnel arrive and provide medical attention to Subject male in the hallway, who is still in handcuffs and sitting on a chair. There is a security guard present in the hallway.

Subject Officer walks out of the apartment and knocks on the door of another apartment but nobody answers. Subject Officer goes back into the apartment and continues to point his flashlight around the apartment. Speaking with a sergeant, the Subject Officer discusses how the apartment is in disarray and blood is everywhere. Sergeant remarks that he wants to be sure there isn't something more at play. Sergeant tells the Subject Officer to let crime lab take over and walks away.

Subject Officer speaks with another officer trying to figure out what happened at the scene. "Crime lab coming in" is announced. Subject Officer informs another officer on the scene that he stepped on dog feces; that officer walks out of the apartment and cleans the bottom of his shoes. An officer tells the Subject Officer that the Subject male is giving the interviewing officer "some story" that may amount to a kidnapping. Subject Officer walks out of the apartment to get some gloves.

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

Finding

This matter should be referred, pursuant to 2.10.200.E, to determine if officers complied with laws and policies related to searches, custodial interrogations, and crime scene management. Additional review of reports and other BWC footage is critical to evaluate policy compliance given the complex nature of the scene and the number of other officers involved.

Case No. 5

Summary

Subject Officer approaches a home and knocks on the door and rings the doorbell. Nobody answers the door. Subject Officer returns to his patrol vehicle and then calls someone on the phone. The person informs Subject Officer that the wrong address was given. Subject Officer drives to another location.

Subject Officer arrives on scene and walks to a home and knocks on the door. Subject female answers and invites the Subject Officer into the home. Another male is in the home. Subject female informs Subject Officer that she saw some individuals stealing packages from their home.

Subject Officer asks Subject female and Subject male to fill out witness statement forms. Subject female shows Subject Officer a video on her phone of the theft. Subject Officer asks Subject female to describe the two suspects, the incident, and the property stolen. Subject Officer collects the witness statements and provides Subject female with an evidence link to upload video.

Subject Officer walks out the home and appears to say “going off” but inaudible and then turns off BWC.

Finding

Subject Officer appeared to comply with state statute, city code, and police department policy.

CONCLUSION

In four of five cases that were reviewed, the audit found that police officers appeared to materially comply with city code, state law, and police department policies. One case is being referred for further evaluation.