

**Audits of Body Worn Camera Footage
Salt Lake City Police Department
Pursuant to City Code 2.10.200
January 2026**

SUMMARY

This memorandum constitutes a random audit, pursuant to City Code 2.10.200.E, of body worn camera recordings for the month of January, 2026. 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 5,450 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 parks behind a car. Subject Officer and another officer, possibly an FTO step out of the patrol vehicle and speak with the Subject female who is standing next to the car. Subject female states that she needs help with her flat tire. The officer asks who else is in the car and Subject female states there are two other persons in the car. The officers assist the Subject female with removing the flat tire and replacing it with the spare tire. Subject Officer provides guidance on use of the temporary spare tire. Officers return to the patrol car and Subject Officer says, "End of contact. Going off for now" and turns off the BWC.

Finding

Officers appeared to comply with State and City Codes and Police Department policy. The Officers did a great job in assisting Subject female and other passengers in changing a flat tire in the middle of the night in a very dark and isolated area. The FTO was a good role model for the Subject Officer displaying community service and safety.

Case No. 2

Summary

Subject Officer is walking with another officer who is escorting the Subject female that is handcuffed. The officer places the Subject female in back of his patrol vehicle. The officer explains to the Subject Officer the situation, explaining that the Subject female ran into a building and when they found her she had drug paraphilia on her. The officer then states that the Subject female said that she was in pain but when asked if she needed medical attention, she said "no".

The officer sits in his patrol vehicle and starts doing the proper documentation. The Subject Officer takes a picture of the drug paraphernalia (a pipe) and returns to his patrol vehicle. Subject Officer states "muting for period of inactivity" (8:30 min) as he appears to be submitting the photo of the paraphernalia into evidence. Subject Officer drives his vehicle to another area of the parking lot.

Subject Officer unmutes and says, "Going off for the time being" and turns off the BWC.

Finding

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

Case No. 3

Summary

Subject Officer approaches two unhoused persons, a female and a male, who are speaking with another officer. Subject Officer engages the two persons. Subject Officer asks both persons if they have any warrants and both state that they do have warrants. Subject Officer informs the persons about the St. Vincent's police referrals program that assists unhoused persons and reserves 15 beds for police referrals. Subject Officer states that there may be more reservations during extreme cold nights ("code blue"). Subject Officer returns to her police vehicle to check warrants on the persons.

Subject Officer walks out of her patrol vehicle and speaks with a third officer who recently arrived. Subject Officer states that the Subject male has several felony warrants and that the Subject female has several misdemeanor warrants. The third officer informs the Subject male about the felony warrant, places him in handcuffs and walks him to the patrol vehicle. The Subject female gives one of the officers property that belongs to the Subject male (e.g., wallet, jacket, cane). Subject Officer informs the Subject female and Subject male that she submitted their names to the St. Vincent's police referral program and provides instructions on how to get into the program. An officer searches the Subject male and after the search is complete, he places him into the patrol vehicle.

The officers discuss how to address the situation with both Subject male and Subject female. One officer asks the Subject Officer how to use the St. Vincent's police referral program. Subject Officer shows him how to enroll persons into the program via the mobile phone. Officers search Subject male's jacket and wallet and when done, place the articles into an evidence bag.

Subject Officer informs the Subject female that she can leave any of her property that she does not want and the Subject Officer will call Advantage Services to dispose of it while they clean up the area.

Subject Officer returns to her patrol vehicle and says "end of contact, going off" and turns off BWC.

Finding

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

The officers treated the unhoused persons with respect, were thoughtful about the unhoused person's property, and provided resources while still holding them accountable. There was good peer to peer communication between the officers about resources for unhoused persons.

Case No. 4

Summary

Subject Officer is walking in the hallway of a building (possibly the Pioneer Police Precinct Building) and stands some distance from another police officer who is speaking to an elderly female. The Subject female informs the officer that she believes that her ex-husband or her son is paying someone to bang on her windows in the middle of the night. Subject female doesn't want this person to get arrested but just wants him to stop because she hasn't been able to sleep and is causing health issues.

The officer suggests the he can ask patrol from the graveyard shift to drive by her house 4-5 times a night and watch out for her. Subject female states that the banging of the windows occurs around 4:00am or 5:00am and that she has a purple 1960 truck in driveway to easily identify her property.

After a lengthy discussion about the situation, the Subject Officer informs the Subject female that he will ask graveyard patrol to drive by her home. Subject Officer does not engage in the conversation.

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

Finding

Subject Officer appeared to comply with State and City Codes and Police Department policy. The officer was extremely patient with the Subject female and she continually describe the incident. The officer also tried to provide solutions to the Subject female.

Case No. 5

Summary

Subject Officer is standing next to a patrol vehicle that has two police officers sitting in the front seats. The patrol vehicle is parked behind another police truck and several persons are sitting on a curb across from the police truck. The officers instruct the persons to come to the patrol vehicle, one at a time, and place the index finger in the fingerprint identifier, and then return to sit on the curb next to the patrol truck.

The two officers inside the patrol vehicle print citations. Then all the officers go to give the citations to each of the persons sitting on the curb.

A male suddenly appears from behind a building and walks towards the persons who are on the curb. The officers call him by name and instruct him to leave the premises or he will

get a citation for trespassing. The Subject male walks to another section of the property that has a “no trespassing” sign. The officers inform him to stop and not go towards that direction because he will be trespassing. The Subject male initially does not follow instructions and the officer follow the Subject male instructing him to stop. The Subject male is becoming belligerent and sometimes follows officer commands and sometimes does not.

Eventually one of the officers informs the Subject male that he is being arrested and places handcuffs on him. The officers inform the Subject male that the owners of the property have videos of him trespassing and that he also ignored officer commands to depart the premises.

The officers escort the Subject male to a patrol truck and search him. Subject male asks one of the persons to collect some of his property. Officers then place Subject male in the patrol truck.

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

Finding

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

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.