

**Audits of Body Worn Camera Footage
Salt Lake City Police Department
Pursuant to City Code 2.10.200
March 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 March, 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 5,472 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 walks out of his vehicle and approaches an unsheltered person, the Subject male, who is lying on the sidewalk in front of a house. Subject Officer asks the Subject male if he is ok and then instructs him that he needs to get up. Another officer arrives and also tells the Subject male to get up. The Subject male does not get up and does not respond to the officers. The officer informs the Subject Officer that the Subject male is breathing and moving his feet. Subject Officer asks the Subject male if he needs Narcan and the Subject male begins to slowly move. The Subject Officer tells the Subject male that if he does not get up that he will place him in handcuffs. The Subject male sits up and begins to argue with the police officer on why he needs to move out of the premises. The Subject male states that he has food poisoning and the officers ask if he needs medical attention. The officers call for medical services and inform the Subject male that medical is on the way. Officers collect basic information about the Subject male.

The Subject male is shaking while sitting on the sidewalk. Subject male informs Subject Officer that he has kidney disease and Subject Officer asks if he is taking his required medication. Subject male says he takes medication. Subject Officer asks Subject male what got him sick and Subject males said he ate ribs.

An ambulance arrives and the medical staff approach the Subject male. A male EMT introduces himself and asks subject male what is going on. The Subject male responds inaudibly. The EMT asks him if he wants to go to the hospital. Subject male says “yes, I just hurt.” The EMT informs the Subject male that they are going to retrieve a stretcher. Subject Officer asks Subject male if he can get up and Subject male states that he may need help. Subject Officer places sandals on Subject male while he remains seated on the sidewalk. The medical staff arrive with stretcher and Subject male struggles but is able to sit on stretcher. The medical staff ask Subject male questions that appear to assess his mental state. After questioning, medical staff take the Subject male to the ambulance.

Subject Officer says, “End of contact. Going off.” and turns off the BWC.

Finding

The officers appear to comply with state statutes, city codes and police department policy. The Subject Officer was empathetic and respectful with the Subject male who was struggling both physically and mentally.

Case No. 2

Summary

Subject Officer is walking with another officer while speaking on a mobile phone requesting directions to a location. Subject Officer asks the caller to provide him the phone number of the original caller to get directions to the location. Subject Officer speaks with the original caller and is trying to locate the ping of another person. The caller provides location of the last ping and the officers walk to the location, which is a convenience store.

Both officers walk around the convenience store. The Subject Officer calls the person back and informs her that they could not find the person, a female, in that location.

Officers are approached by a male who informs the officers that he found \$300 on the floor outside a building. The other officer walks with the male while the Subject Officer continues to speak with the caller attempting to find the female.

There are now two persons on the phone speaking with the Subject Officer and they are the uncle and aunt of the female. The aunt and the uncle state that they want to know if their niece is ok. Subject Officer asks if they are concerned about her well-being. The uncle says they are concerned about her because of the boyfriend. The aunt and uncle inform the Subject Officer that the niece's phone does not have a sim card in it. The uncle provides the Subject Officer a general description of the boyfriend and states his concerns about the boyfriend taking the sim card out of the female's phone.

Subject Officer calls another person and informs her that he and the other officer searched the area and did not find the niece. Subject Officer asks the person if she wants to list the female as "missing." The person informs the Subject Officer that she will leave that question up to the aunt and uncle.

Subject Officer walks into his patrol car and says, "End of contact. Going off" and turns off the BWC.

Finding

The officers appeared to comply with state statute, city codes, and police department policy. Subject Officer went out of his way on trying to address caller's concerns.

Case No. 3

Summary

Subject Officer walks into a hotel lobby with two other officers and engages the Subject male. The Subject male is complaining about payment issues with the hotel and shows the Subject Officer a reservation on his phone. The Subject male confirms he's willing to leave. Another officer arrives and tells the Subject male that he needs to get his property from his room. The three officers and the Subject male go to the hotel room. The Subject male calls his girlfriend and asks her to open the hotel room door. An officer says something inaudible and the Subject male says "yes" and the officer walks into the room (7:40 min).

A police officer asks Subject male about what may be a marijuana pipe that he saw getting placed in a bag. The Subject male confirmed it was an eye dropper and another officer sounded like he confirmed that information, although the discussion was not completely clear. No additional action is taken.

As the Subject Officer and another officer stand by the hotel room door, the third officer is inside the hotel room waiting for the Subject male and his girlfriend to pack their property.

The Subject male and his girlfriend place their property in a plastic bin in the hallway and continue to organize their property. Subject Officer goes into the hotel room and does a walk through before walking out and closing the door. One of the officers assists the Subject male in carrying the plastic bin outside and off the property. The officers inform Subject male and his girlfriend that they cannot return to the property.

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

Finding

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

Case No. 4

Summary

Subject Officer walks out of his patrol car and approaches another officer that is speaking with a male who is lying on the grass stating that his leg is hurt. One of the officers tells the Subject Officer that there appears to be a "nonverbal" that the Subject male just wants to get his phone from his girlfriend and walks away to speak with her. Subject Officer asks the Subject male about the situation and he says that he just wants his phone back from his girlfriend.

The Subject male states that his girlfriend's friend called the police on him the night before. The Subject male is in an extremely active state and the Subject Officer allows the Subject male to speak and de-escalate himself. The Subject male continuously stands up and sits down while complaining about cramping pain in his leg to the Subject Officer.

The other officer returns and tells the Subject male that his girlfriend says that he has been texting her all day. The Subject male says he has been using his work cell phone to communicate with her. The officer then states that he's trespassed from Costco. The officer also says that the girlfriend says that she does not want him to contact her. The officer gives the Subject male some documents that belong to him that were in possession of his girlfriend. The Subject male asks if he can stand by another store while he coordinates a ride out of the area and the officers say "yes" but just not on Costco property.

The other officer asks the Subject Officer to join him inside the store. The Subject Officer drives his car to the store and joins the other officer outside the store. The officers meet store staff at the doorway and walk to the store office to meet with the Subject male's girlfriend. The officer recommends to the girlfriend that next time someone is "blowing up" her cell phone that she should tell them to stop. Girlfriend says that she was afraid to because he may "do something". The officer states that they are conducting a lethality assessment and both officers mute their audios (30:40 min). The Subject Officer and the two staff walk out of the office (33:20 min). Subject Officer did not unmute the audio but continues to monitor progress of the lethality assessment as he occasionally opens the door to the private office to observe the other officer and the girlfriend.

Subject Officer unmutes the audio (35:44 min) due to the store employees report that the Subject male has returned to the store property and there is a disturbance outside in the parking lot. Subject Officer informs store manager that that Subject male was trespassed and since the Subject male willingly returned to the store that he will likely arrest him. The other officer exits the office and has seemingly ended the lethality assessment. The Subject Officer asks the other officer if he has turned on his BWC. The two officers and the manager walk outside to engage the Subject male. An employee states that the Subject male returned to the store and started "flipping off" store employees. The officers approach the Subject male who is arguing with another store employee. Subject Officer asks Subject male why he went to the store door and Subject male states that he did not and is just waiting for his Uber ride. Subject Officer informs Subject male that he will check store cameras and that he is officially detained while he looks at the camera video to see if he came back to the store property. Subject Officer returns to the store while the other officer waits outside with the Subject male.

Subject Officer asks the store staff if the Subject male returned to the store property and the employee states the Subject male was yelling from the parking lot. The Subject Officer views the video footage with the store employees. The Subject Officer observes the Subject

male returning to the store property and informs the store employees that he is going to put the Subject male in the police car.

Subject Officer walks back to the Subject male and informs him that he returned to the store property after being told not to return. The Subject Officer restated that if the Subject male returned to the store property, he will be taken to jail. Subject Officer informs the Subject male that he trespassed and is now going to jail. The officers place handcuffs on the Subject male and walk him to the patrol car. The officer searches the Subject male and then places him in the patrol car. Subject Officer counsels the other officer about treating the Subject male respectfully even though he is being difficult. The other officer appears to be taking the Subject male to jail.

Subject Officer returns to the store office and meets with two employees and the girlfriend. Subject Officer informs the girlfriend that Subject male is being arrested for trespassing and not domestic violence and therefore she needs to find another place to stay because she presently lives with the Subject male. Subject Officer provides the girlfriend with information for the YMCA for domestic violence services. The girlfriend states that she already has a place to stay. The girlfriend informs the Subject Officer that Subject male has only one cell phone and does not have a work phone, and therefore the Subject male was possibly lying about the cell phone that he had in his back pocket was his work phone. Subject Officer requests videos from the store manager. The girlfriend asks Subject Officer about how to get a protective order and Subject Officer informs her that YWCA can help but that the SLCPD victim advocate can also assist her and he provided her a "blue" card with the information.

Subject Officer provides information to the store employees on how to follow up on the case. Subject Officer walks out with employees and Subject male's girlfriend to the parking lot.

Subject Officer states "Going off. End of contact".

Finding

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

Subject Officer did a great job in several areas. Subject Officer initially engaged the Subject male in a positive manner, treating him with respect and letting him de-escalate himself. This respectful treatment contributed to the Subject male being non-confrontational towards the Subject Officer. The Subject Officer was also a good mentor to the other police officer, providing guidance and counsel on how to best treat the Subject male and ensuring BWC was on after conducting the lethality assessment. Subject Officer also provided information to the girlfriend on how to access resources. Lastly, the Subject Officer worked well with store staff to properly investigate the case and ensuring the safety of the store

staff safe by taking responsibility for engaging the Subject male as he was confronting store employees.

Case No. 5

Summary

Subject Officer walks out of the patrol car and approaches a group of persons (3 males and 1 female) who appear to be unsheltered and are sitting outside in a park between two buildings. One of the males is holding the Subject female and says she is having a seizure. Subject Officer informs the group that he is calling an ambulance and asks for her age. Subject Officer collects information from the males about the Subject female. A male states that Subject female is breathing. Subject Officer asks if she overdosed and the males state that she's been in the sun and "dehydrated, hypoglycemic and low blood sugar".

Fire department arrives and Subject Officer describes the situation. Several firefighters approach the group and begin to assist the Subject female. Two medical staff members arrive with a gurney and firefighters place Subject female on the gurney. Subject female suddenly begins to yell out loud. A male communicates to Subject female that he is there for her. Medical staff take Subject female to the ambulance. Subject Officer stays with the other males and collects their information and states that he will inform them of what hospital she will be taken to once he finds out. Subject Officer also suggests to the male that they should probably leave the premises because "this is the third time talking with you guys today". Subject Officer gives the phone number of one of the males to a firefighter, who then gives the number to ambulance staff to allow the Subject female to connect with the males.

Subject Officer returns to the males and informs them that Subject female will be taken to Salt Lake Regional Hospital and provides them the address. Subject Officer informs dispatch that Subject female is being transported to Salt Lake Regional and that he will not be following.

Subject Officer was back to his patrol car and states "going off, end of contact" and turns off BWC.

Finding

Subject Officer appeared to comply with state statute, city codes, and police department policy. Subject Officer was courteous with the males. Subject female may have had severe health consequences if the Subject Officer had not intervened.

CONCLUSION

In all cases that were reviewed, the audit found that police officers appeared to materially comply with city code, state law, and police department policies.