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To Whom It May Concern,

The Winnetka Police Department is equipped with a total of 29 Axon Body 3 cameras. While 27 of these are assigned to our sworn officers, we maintain additional cameras as a spare for potential future staffing increases and to ensure uninterrupted operational capacity.

Each officer is equipped with their own Axon Body 3 camera, individually assigned by serial number, ensuring personalized accountability and usage tracking. We are pleased to report that our pilot program, initiated to assess the deployment and functionality of these devices, has progressed without any technical issues. Camera updates are conducted as necessary to maintain optimal performance and are completed in a timely fashion.

The oversight of the camera footage is meticulously structured. Shift supervisors conduct quarterly reviews of the videos for officers under their purview. This process is designed to verify adherence to departmental policies and assess the cameras' operational efficacy. Additionally, our administration undertakes random video reviews throughout the year. These evaluations aim to confirm the proper use of the cameras, identify any potential equipment malfunctions, and collect comprehensive feedback, both positive and negative, which is subsequently relayed to each officer.

This dual-layer review strategy ensures continuous monitoring and quality control, enhancing both the transparency and the effectiveness of our body camera program.

Thank you for your attention to this update. We remain committed to upholding the highest standards of accountability and professionalism in all aspects of our operations.

Sincerely,

Brian O'Connell
Chief of Police