**Will County Sheriff’s Office Body-Worn Camera Report**

*January 1, 2023 thru December 31,2023*

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| (50 ILCS 706/10-25)   Sec. 10-25. Reporting.  **(a) Each law enforcement agency which employs the use of officer-worn body cameras must provide an annual report to the Board, on or before May 1 of the year. The report shall include:**  (1) **A brief overview of the makeup of the agency**, |
| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  | **including the number of officers utilizing officer-worn body cameras**.  As of May 1,2023, the Will County Sheriff’s Office structure includes the Sheriff, Under Sheriff, Chief Deputy, 5 Deputy Chiefs, 2 Commanders, 182 Enforcement Deputies, 34 Enforcement Sergeants, 17 Correctional Sergeants, 11 Enforcement Lieutenants, 5 Correctional Lieutenants and over 200 sworn Correctional Officers. The Sheriff’s Office utilizes a combination of facility and body cameras throughout the Adult Detention Facility.  The Sheriff’s Office has fully implemented body-worn camera equipment. Logging has been maintained throughout the year. Policies were updated, distributed, and compliance is mandatory. | |
| **(2) The number of officer-worn body cameras utilized** |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **by the law enforcement agency.**  Enforcement = 235 sworn staff members issued an Axon Body 4 camera.  Detention Facility = 100 body-worn cameras distributed amongst facility in addition to facility cameras. | |
| **(3) Any technical issues with the equipment and how** |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **those issues were remedied.**     * 1 body camera was returned to AXON because there was a consent audio feedback on all videos. It was replaced by AXON.      * 1 body camera was returned to AXON because it would not charge when plugged in or docked. It was replaced by AXON.      * 1 body camera was returned to AXON because it would turn on by itself and wouldn’t stop recording. When docked, would display a network error. It was replaced by AXON.      * 1 body camera was returned to AXON because it displayed an error (1004). I conducted a hard reboot but that didn’t correct the issue. It would read 0% charge when NOT docked and 100% when docked. When on AXON View XL, would display on AXON View XL “DVR Failed”. It was replaced by AXON.      * 1 body camera was returned to AXON because part of the body camera had fallen off. It was replaced by AXON.      * 1 body camera was returned to AXON because the camera hard a hard time starting a recording and had an issue when hooked up to AXON View XL. It was replaced by AXON.      * 1 body camera was returned to AXON because there was an issue with audio on the videos. It was replaced by AXON.      * 1 body camera was returned to AXON by IT and I don’t know what the issue was. It was replaced by AXON. * The Adult Detention Facility had an estimated of 8 charging failure which required switching of battery, charging port, or other part from excess cameras.     All of the above where the Body Camera 3 and we no longer have any Body Camera 3’s, they were all returned to AXON because we now have the Body Camera 4. There were some issues throughout the year (2023) whereas the deputy advised there was an issue with video’s not downloading and those were resolved by leaving docked overnight. | |
| **(4) A brief description of the review process used by** |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **supervisors within the law enforcement agency.**  **Accountability, Review and Security G.O. 5.29 - 13**  1. All body-worn camera users will be responsible for monitoring system effectiveness and making recommendations for operational improvement and policy revision.  2. Upon receiving notice, the appropriate supervisor shall make every reasonable effort to correct and repair any of the body-worn camera equipment.  3. Deputies authorized under this policy may review video as it relates to:  a. Their involvement in an incident for the purposes of completing a criminal investigation and preparing official reports, as long as this fact is noted in the report.  b. Prior to courtroom testimony or for courtroom presentation.  c. Providing a statement pursuant to an administrative inquiry/investigation.  d. For training purposes.  4. A supervisor may review a specific incident contained on digital media for the purpose of training, critique, early intervention inquiries, civil claims, administrative inquiry, or other articulated reasons.  5. All recording medium collected using body-worn cameras is considered a record of the Will County Sheriff’s Office. Access to recordings for the purposes of redaction, labeling, or duplicating recordings, access to camera recordings shall be restricted to authorized personnel only. It is the responsibility of authorized personnel to keep their username and password confidential. Accessing, copying, or releasing any recordings for use other than official law enforcement purposes is strictly prohibited, except as required by law.  6. The release of requested digital media through written public records request (F.O.I.A.) will be subject to the same statutory exemptions from disclosure as any other department records classified under Illinois Statutes.  7. The Will County Sheriff’s Office video administrator will conduct quarterly audits to verify and deactivate users who are no longer authorized. | |  |  | |
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| *On or before July 30 of each year, the Board must analyze the law enforcement agency reports and provide an annual report to the General Assembly and the Governor.  (Source: P.A. 99-352, eff. 1-1-16.)* |