Manteno Police Department

In Car Camera Grant Report

2020

The Manteno Police Department obtained 4 in car video systems through the Illinois training and Standards Board Grant. The 4 units were installed and utilized by the Manteno Police Department in fully marked squad cars.

The Manteno Police Department shift supervisors and administrators currently review in-car camera footage as needed for the creation of case files for video evidence obtained. Supervisors and Administrators are also authorized to review relevant recordings any time they are investigating alleged misconduct or reports of meritorious conduct or whenever such recordings would be beneficial in reviewing an officer’s performance. This past year we utilized the in-car video along with body camera footage for one internal investigation where there was a complaint of excessive force used against a suspect. Both video systems helped clear the officer and the complaint was unfounded. The video was shown to the complainant in this case and they withdrew their complaint and realized they were wrong. A second incident was captured utilizing both systems where an individual sought out an attorney for an excessive force complaint against our officers. A review of the footage shows the officers did not use excessive force and were just trying to help the subject as he appeared to be experiencing a medical emergency. The attorney requested copies of the video footage as well as reports involving this case. So far noting has been filed on his behalf.

The Manteno Police Department has used obtained footage for investigations and arrests and copies of the videos have been sent to the States Attorney’s Office; however, at this time we are not aware of any footage that has been utilized in court for prosecution of the cases.

This report has been completed by Lieutenant Brian J. Lockwood of the Manteno Police Department. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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