



Steve Evans
Chief of Police

To: ILETSB Camera Grant Administrator
From: Lt Eric Herman
Re: Annual Grant Report

Please find the attached documents to fulfill the basic requirements of the Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act (50 ILCS 707/15). The following is a response to the in-car video questions listed in the Camera Grant Act.

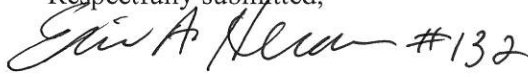
1. The Collinsville Police Department received 18 in-car cameras from the Grant.
2. The Collinsville Police Department immediately installed all 18 cameras received from the Grant in 2018 and the cameras have been in continuous use since installation.
3. Supervisors at the Collinsville Police Department complete periodic reviews of in-car video for the following reasons:
 - To investigate complaints and/or compliments from citizens.
 - As a monthly video review to spot check each officer's performance or need for refresher training.
 - To review officer's response to critical incidents.
 - As a training aid for in-service departmental training.
 - As a case review when in-car video is submitted as evidence to aid prosecuting State or Federal cases.
 - As a function check to verify the camera system is operating correctly.
 - On a case-by-case basis as determined by a supervisor.
4. Due to a lack of manpower and other resources, I was unable to provide a complete list for this question, however, the attached documents provide substantial information for each camera received from the Grant, including total recording time, types of events recorded, total events recorded and other details. The in-car cameras begin recording automatically when the squad car emergency lights are activated for any reason, including responding to various emergency calls that do not involve an arrest or citation. The sheer volume of events recorded daily/weekly/monthly/yearly present a problem for collecting and monitoring specific data and dispositions from each in-car camera, without full-time manpower utilized exclusively for that function.

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I have also attached documents with total arrests and total citations completed by the Collinsville Police Department from January 1st thru December 31th, 2020. Virtually every citation issued during that time frame involved the use of at least one in-car camera purchased through the Grant. Frequently, more than one squad car that is equipped with an in-car camera is on the scene of an arrest and/or citation, so some events are often recorded on multiple cameras. The cameras also assisted in recording roadside interviews for a myriad of criminal cases, including suspect/victim/witness statements for domestic violence cases, DUI cases, and many other criminal cases where an arrest was made and/or a citation was issued. Associating each arrest made and each citation issued to a specific in-car camera, along with violator information, case number, and case disposition, is not possible without a full-time employee utilized strictly to track and compile that data.

Please contact me if clarification or further explanation is needed regarding the attached information.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric A. Herman #132". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lt Eric Herman #132