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Illinois General Assembly

Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board

From: Abingdon Police Department

RE: In-car Camera Grant

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In accordance with the reporting section of the Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act (50 ILCS 707/15,20, Abingdon Police Department respectfully submits the following report as required.

In June 2019 Abingdon Police Department received an award notice under this grant for three (3) In-car Camera Systems. These systems were installed in our three primary patrol vehicles by the beginning of September 2019.

Supervisors within the department (Police Chief & Patrol Sergeant) currently review footage recorded on these systems when an issue is brought to the attention of these supervisors regarding an officer or incident that occurred that may require further investigation, when an officer completes a written request for footage to be downloaded and stored in a case which may be useful in obtaining a conviction in a case, and when the States Attorney request footage or a subpoena is issued for footage.

Attached is a spreadsheet detailing a case which resulted in a guilty plea. Fortunately, our department has not had any other incidents between September and December 2019 that would have resulted in the necessity for video evidence to secure a conviction.

In conclusion, when we received confirmation of the award for this grant, the City of Abingdon also purchased a wireless server to download the vehicle video footage. Unfortunately, we have had some IT issues with this system and have had difficulty resolving the issues. We hope to have these issues resolved soon so that we are able to more easily monitor and store video footage from the vehicles.

The City of Abingdon and Abingdon Police Department greatly appreciate the award of this grant. If you have further questions or require further information, please feel free to reach out to us.

Respectfully,

Paul Cates – Abingdon Police Chief