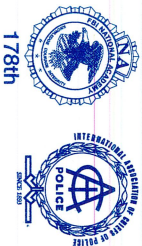


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Re: 2020 Body Worn Camera Report

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find the Evergreen Park Police Department's completed 2020 Body Worn Camera Report.

This Report includes responses to the inquiries regarding the number of BWCs in use, the number of officers utilizing BWCs, details on any technical issues the Evergreen Park Police Department has encountered during 2020, as well as a spread sheet listing all the required information on incidents of arrests where BWCs have been used, as required by the Illinois State Statute.

If you have any questions regarding this report please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

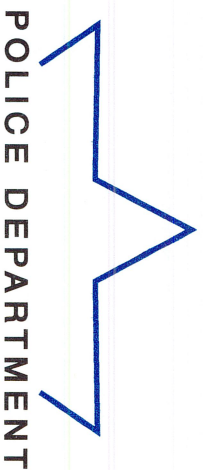
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ILETSB 2020 Evergreen Park Police Department Body Camera Report

- **Number of body cameras in use:** Seventy one cameras were in use by the police department throughout the calendar year 2020. This includes 19 new models that were being phased in during calendar year 2020. However, this figure does not include 3 units that are set aside as emergency spares, the 3 body camera used by code enforcement officers nor the 3 pool cameras used by the Department's detectives. Therefore, during the calendar year 2020 a total of 80 body cameras were used by the Evergreen Park Police Department.
- **Number of officers who have used body worn cameras:** A total of 59 officers of various ranks and assignments used body worn cameras in calendar year 2020. An additional 3 code enforcement officers used their assigned body cameras on a daily basis.
- **Technical issues encountered with the use of such cameras:** The Evergreen Park Police Department utilizes both a two piece camera system and a one piece system. Since the majority of the body camera units were placed in service back in 2015-2016 the Department began issuing replacement units late in 2020. Our experience dictated that after this period of time the units, in general, became less dependable and therefore, replacements were called for.
In the last quarter of the 2020 calendar year 19 new body camera two piece units were assigned to officers. We are planning to complete the replacement of the old body camera units in 2021.
One of the newly assigned two piece units quickly failed and was replaced under warrantee in the last quarter of 2020.
There was a failure of one of the docking units, (we utilize 4 multiple receptacle docking units). This was a software failure. This problem was remedied with the assistance of Digital Ally, our provider, and the Village's technology experts.
The plastic clips which are used by the officers to secure the body cameras to their duty vests break on a regular basis and are immediately replaced.
Experience has taught the Department that after approximately 3 years the camera batteries, which are rated at 10 hours, begin to fail due to constant use and are replaced. These replacements are ongoing.