**CHARLESTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**CAMERA GRANT 2019**

**Body Cameras**

The Charleston Police Department received the grant for 32 COBAN body cameras for each individual officer. This includes 4 detectives, 4 Sergeants, 4 Lieutenants, Deputy Chief, and Chief of Police.

We had two body camera issues since the inception. They locked up and would not turn on. The cameras were sent to COBAN and repaired or replaced.

Videos are reviewed by the officers to complete their reports. The supervisors will review cases that require any use of force or for further case review as needed.

**In-Car Cameras**

The Charleston Police Department received the grant for 9 in-car HD COBAN cameras. They have all been installed (See Report).

We have not had any mechanical issues with the cameras.

Videos are reviewed by the officers to complete reports. The supervisors will review cases that require any use of force or for further case review as needed.

The Body cameras were implemented on June 7th, 2019. The In-car cameras begin to be installed on 05/28/19. Due to Ford manufacturing issues, some took several months to get installed. Due to our policy, officers’ body worn and in-car camera will be activated at the same time.

Any questions please contact me.

Thanks,

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