



GERALD BUSTOS – ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SHERIFF

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To the Illinois Law Enforcement Training a Standards Board, Governor's Office and General Assembly,

On behalf of Sheriff Gerry Bustos and the Rock Island County Sheriff's Office, I would like to submit the mandated Body Worn camera report and In-Car camera report pursuant to the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act (50 ILCS 706/10-25) and the Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act (50 ILCS 707/15.20) for the 2020 calendar year.

- In 2019, a grant was awarded to the Rock Island County Sheriff's Office for reimbursement for 8 In-Car cameras that were purchased in 2018. We currently have 35 squad cars equipped with In-Car cameras.
- The Rock Island County Sheriff's Office currently has 61 Body Worn cameras in inventory with 58 actively in use. The 3 extra cameras are used as spares in the event of a camera malfunction.
- Technical issues involving the In-Car cameras include cameras not connecting the mobile data computers and cameras not downloading. New software has been installed on the mobile data computers to resolve the connection issue and the wireless network at the sheriff's office has been reconfigured so the video is automatically downloaded from the recorder when the squad car arrives at the department.
- Technical issues with the Body Worn cameras include a camera that showed an internal error and one that would not remain on. Both cameras were replaced with spare cameras and the inoperable cameras were sent to the vendor for repair.
- The Rock Island County Sheriff's Office has policies in place in reference to the use of In-Car cameras and Body-Worn cameras. Supervisors will randomly review videos of deputies on their shift as well as anytime there is a use of force incident, squad car accident, pursuit or an internal/external complaint.
- There were no pending civil proceedings or internal investigations involving Body Worn cameras during the 2020 reporting period

Please see the attached documents for each instance the Body Worn camera and the In-Car camera were used in prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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