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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Ms. Jennifer Wooldridge
Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board
4500 South Sixth Street Road
Room #173
Springfield, IL 62703-6617

Dear Ms. Wooldridge,

On behalf of the Lake County Sheriff's Office, we are pleased to present you our 2022 short report, for body worn camera.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office serves over 700,000 people who call Lake County home. We employ 195 sworn law enforcement deputies (15 of which are part-time employees). This number represents our full-time sworn deputies as well as our part-time court security officers, and seasonal marine unit deputies. Those represented in this report include staff who serve in the patrol division, criminal investigation division, warrants division, civil process division, training division, court security division, marine unit, and administration division. Each of these members is equipped with 'Axon Body 3' body worn cameras.

We also employ 161 corrections officers who are also equipped with 'Axon Body 3' body worn cameras. 154 body worn cameras are assigned to grade 1 deputies. 49 body worn cameras are assigned to court security. 12 body worn cameras are assigned to the marine unit. Lastly, 166 of the body worn cameras are assigned to the corrections division.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office keeps an inventory of 318 body worn cameras. Each patrol deputy is assigned two cameras, so they can take a freshly charged/synced body worn camera at the start of each shift. Most others are assigned one body worn camera.

Body worn cameras are required to be activated during calls for service. They capture both audio and video when activated. The Lake County Sheriff's Office has a written policy which dictates when personnel are required to utilize their body worn camera. This policy also encompasses Illinois statute pertaining to body worn camera usage.

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While supervisory staff can review videos of those they supervise at any time, bi-yearly supervisory personnel are to review two random videos of everyone they directly supervise per sheriff's office policy. The review is to determine if there are widespread technical issues and if personnel are adhering to the body worn camera policy/state law. Technical issues are reported to the sheriff's training division and policy violations are handled through the sheriff's office disciplinary/complaint protocol.

Supervisory personnel will view subordinate body worn camera videos, should an internal or external complaint arise. The sheriff's office of professional standards has access to all body worn camera reviews and the ability to conduct checks and audits at any time.

In 2022 there were no widespread technical issues experienced with the body worn camera system.

Attached you will find an Excel spreadsheet containing the 779 incidents where Lake County Sheriff's Office body worn cameras were utilized in the prosecution of a crime. The spreadsheet contains the date/time of the incident, location of the incident, and the date charges were filed.

Sincerely,

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