



FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM
ROBERT DUNN, CHIEF OF POLICE

Date: October 21, 2019
To: All Fullerton Police Department Employees
From: Robert Dunn, Chief of Police
Subject: Directive #19-1 – Use of Body Worn Camera Recorders

The purpose of this directive is to update the Fullerton Police Department policy 470 – Use of Body Worn Camera Recorders. The following changes are effective immediately and will be incorporated into the Fullerton Police Department’s Policy Manual during the next revision.

470.3 UNIFORMED AND NON-UNIFORMED SWORN OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

Each person assigned a body worn camera will maintain the equipment while in his or her possession. The body worn camera will be carried upon the person in a manner that will allow for easy operation without impairing the capabilities of the equipment. Prior to going into service, each body worn camera user will check the equipment to ensure it is working properly. The body worn camera user shall record a test sample at the beginning of their duty day by recording their name and the date and time of the recording.

Uniformed personnel assigned to field and enforcement duties during regular and extra duty assignments shall wear the BWC on their person in a forward facing position that facilitates comprehensive recording of the contact and/or incident. The body worn camera user shall upload their digital audio/video files at the end of each work shift.

Body Worn Cameras (BWC’s) shall be powered on and ready to record during an employee’s entire shift. If a BWC battery is not capable of consistently lasting an entire shift, the employee should notify their supervisor and the BWC Coordinator (Taser-BWC@fullertonpd.org) immediately. Include in that notification that you will be using a spare BWC. The Coordinator will issue you a new camera. It is the officer’s responsibility to ensure their camera is capable of lasting an entire shift.

On rare occasions it may be necessary to delete files from the original storage media prior to them being uploaded to the archival storage media at the end of the shift. Prior approval shall be obtained from the Watch Commander prior to deleting any files from the original storage prior to it being uploaded to the archival storage media.

Any detective/officer/investigator assigned to a non-uniformed position may carry and activate a department BWC at any time the employee believes such a device may be beneficial to the situation. All non-uniformed personnel who are executing pre-planned



enforcement activities such as serving a search or arrest warrant or parole/probation searches shall wear and operate a BWC.

Non-uniformed employees shall be responsible for uploading their digital recordings in the same manner as described above for uniformed employees. Field Training Officers who are wearing civilian clothing during the "shadow phase" are not required to wear a BWC, but may do so if they wish. However, they are still responsible for ensuring their assigned trainee is recording all contacts.

Effective today, the default Body Worn Camera (BWC) buffering shall be set to 1 minute. This change was made in consultation with the FPOA.