

BODY-WORN CAMERAS



Agency

Crest Hill Police Department

Chief of Police

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AGENCY OVERVIEW

In 2024, the Crest Hill Police Department purchased 24 Motorola V700 body cameras for department use. In 2024, The Crest Hill PD employed between 31-32 sworn police officers. All officers have used the body cameras in their official duties.

The patrol division was assigned body cameras in correspondence to their vehicle assignments. Each vehicle number has a corresponding BWC number. Investigations and evidence are issued their own individual BWC. There are also 4 spare BWC that can be used when necessary.

The V700 works in conjunction with the Motorola 4RE in car camera system. Each squad car has a BWC dock in the vehicle that syncs the BWC video to the squad car video. For example, when the emergency lights are activated in the vehicle, the 4RE camera system is automatically activated as well as the BWC.

The video for both BWC and in car camera systems are managed through the Motorola Cloud Based platform, Video Manager EL Cloud. The Crest Hill PD hired a full time civilian in 2024 to manage all BWC and in car video for purposes of case management, FOIA/redactions, and State's Attorney requests.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The only technical issues that were experienced was the occasional syncing issues with the BWC and the in car camera systems. The wireless downloading of the in car system can also be an occasional issue, but it is usually remedied quickly.

REVIEW PROCESS

The Crest Hill PD supervisors conduct BWC reviews on a bi-weekly basis in accordance with state statute.

Crest Hill PD BWC policy #443.7.1

e. Supervisors are permitted to access and view BWC media of their subordinates.

1. Supervisors should review BWC media that is tagged as a significant event or that the supervisor is aware pertains to a significant event.
2. Supervisors should conduct documented reviews of their subordinate's BWC media at least annually to evaluate the member's performance, verify compliance with [department/office] procedures, and determine the need for additional training. The review should include a variety of event types when possible. Supervisors should review BWC media with the recording member when it would be beneficial to provide guidance or to conduct one-on-one informal training for the member.
3. Supervisors should conduct periodic reviews of a sample of each subordinate's BWC media to evaluate BWC use and ensure compliance with this policy.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Crest Hill Police Department started using Body Worn Cameras on May 1st 2024