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**Manteno Police Department**

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Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board  
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ATTN: Ms. Barbara Wood and Ms. Jennifer Wooldridge

Subject: Manteno Police Department – 2024 Body Worn Camera Report

Ms. Wood and/or Ms. Wooldridge,

The Manteno Police Department is made up of twenty-one sworn personnel. In addition to the Chief of Police we have three shift Sergeants, one Detective Sergeant and one detective. The department has two investigators who are assigned to the Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force and one officer who is assigned to the Kankakee Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group. One agent is assigned to the Joliet office and another to the Kankakee County office as part of the Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force. We also have a School resource Officer, eleven patrol officers, and one auxiliary officer. The Manteno Police Department has a total of twenty cameras that were put into circulation this year. The Manteno Police Department has Getac body cameras and currently has ten in car Getac systems as well that link up to the body worn cameras. These systems utilize cloud-based storage.

These cameras have turned out to be very useful in accurately depicting calls for service and obtaining evidence. The cameras have also been utilized on a regular basis for obtaining interviews by members of the investigations division. Footage is also used for any officer complaints. The body cameras have also proven useful for training purposes for the review of incidents (after action reports).

The Manteno Police Department has still been experiencing some difficulties and hurdles that need to be overcome. Some officers are still not very familiar with how to correctly label videos and sync to the in-car system and this makes it more difficult for investigators to locate videos needed to put together cases. Some officers grab a camera out of the dock station and forget to assign themselves to it. Sometimes a different officer will be listed than who was actually using the camera. Officers are also not correctly categorizing videos and investigators

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are having to go back in and change the categories and retention periods. These issues were addressed and have gotten better but still needs improvement on.

The Manteno Police Department shift supervisors, administrators, and investigators currently review body camera footage as needed for the creation of case files for video evidence obtained. Supervisors are also authorized to review relevant recordings any time they are investigating alleged misconduct or reports of meritorious conduct or whenever such recordings would be beneficial in reviewing an officer's performance. During the 2024 year we had two internal investigations. There was one non-formal complaint which led to the resignation of one officer. Another complaint for unprofessionalism and use of force was unfounded.

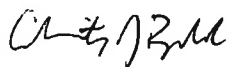
I have attached a copy of the Manteno Police Department Policy 438, which governs the use of our body worn camera program. The Manteno Police Department currently contracts with Lexipol for policy management. Our agency will continue to update the policy as state mandates change.

The Manteno Police Department continues to use body cameras during investigations and arrests and copies of the videos have been sent to the States Attorney's Office.

This memorandum and attached supporting documents should satisfy the requirements pursuant to 50 ILCS 706/10-25. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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