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**To:** Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board  
**From:** Deputy Chief Jeff Hill  
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**Subject:** 2024 Body Camera Report

**Overview:** The Gilberts Police Department consists of nineteen officers who use eighteen (18) body worn cameras. The department consists of one (1) chief, one (1) deputy chief, two (2) sergeants, one (1) detective, six (6) full-time patrol officers, and eight (8) part-time patrol officers. All patrol personnel wear body worn cameras while on duty and the cameras are activated during police/citizen contacts.

**Technical Issues:** In the year 2024, there were 31 reported issues with the body worn cameras. Of those 31 issues, two body cameras were sent back to Kustom Signals to resolve the problems. We found that the cause of the majority of the issues stemmed from a faulty battery. The battery issue was caused by a "bloating" or enlargement of the middle of the battery causing the body camera to either not respond to any of the command buttons, or to stop recording during an event. The defective battery was sent back to Kustom Signals for a replacement. Since the faulty battery was replaced, there have not been any reported malfunctions. All batteries are now more closely monitored to detect any signs of "bloating" to decrease the chance of the aforementioned issues.

**Review Process:** Supervisors review all videos related to use of force and vehicle pursuits, reports of alleged misconduct, performance review and training. Supervisors are 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 a member's performance. Shift Supervisors ensure that officers are using BWC equipment appropriately and in compliance with policy. The deputy chief is required to periodically review a sample of BWC recordings made by each officer to verify compliance with policy and identify any potential training needs.

Deputy Chief Jeff Hill