



City of Rockford

ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Department Overview of Body Worn Cameras – Rockford Police Department

Rockford Police Department is located in Northern Illinois with an authorized strength of 302 full-time sworn officers. As of May 2, 2025, the department is staffed at 273 full-time sworn officers. Each officer on the department is assigned and required to wear and use their Body Worn Camera. The department currently has in stock 300 Body Worn Cameras (273 issued – 27 not issued currently).

Technical Issues

The Rockford Police Department has not had any technical issues with Body Worn Cameras. There were no formal internal investigations in Calendar Year 2024.

Review Process

The Rockford Police Department Supervisor review process of Body Worn Camera data is followed as per our general orders:

D. Not less than once every 31 days, lieutenants or their designee shall ensure an appropriate sampling of BWC recordings pertaining to the work groups under their command are reviewed. The purpose of this review is to ensure that equipment is operating properly, recordings are categorized accurately, and that officers are using the cameras appropriately and in accordance with this policy and training.

1. An appropriate sampling shall be interpreted as a sufficient number of recordings that is proportionate to the number of officers assigned to the work group.
 - a. Patrol Sergeants shall review (2) BWC recordings per month from each officer under their direct supervision.
 - b. Lieutenants shall also conduct one (1) BWC digital recording review per month from each Patrol Sergeant under their direct supervision.
 - c. Selection of the BWC recording shall be from the first day of the previous month to the last day of the previous month (for example: if reviewing in February, select videos recorded from January 1st to January 31st) with the purpose of assessing officer performance, identifying material that may be appropriate for training, and ensuring compliance with this General Order.
2. The selection of recordings will be conducted in a manner that promotes an equitable review of recordings from all officers.
3. Supervisors shall document their review using the BWC Monthly Review, a copy of which is found in Appendix B. Completed forms shall be forwarded to the BWC Program Administrator.
4. Supervisors shall not review recordings for the sole purpose of searching for violations of department policy or law not related to a specific complaint or incident.



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E. Recordings shall not be used to discipline law enforcement officers unless:

1. A formal or informal complaint of misconduct has been made.
2. A use of force incident has occurred.
3. The encounter on the recording could result in a formal investigation under the Uniform Peace Officer's Disciplinary Act. The Uniform Peace Officer's Disciplinary Act defines a formal investigation as the process of investigation ordered by a commanding officer during which the questioning of an officer is intended to gather evidence of misconduct which may be the basis for filing charges seeking his or her removal, discharge or suspension in excess of three days.
4. As corroboration of other evidence of misconduct.

F. Recordings shall not be used to prepare performance evaluations, unless used for the purpose of correcting substandard employee performance that was brought to the supervisor's attention or highlighting commendatory performance of an employee.

G. Supervisors shall encourage officers to upload body-worn camera recordings at multiple times during their shift.

Department Overview of In-Car Video Cameras – Rockford Police Department

Number of cameras received by Rockford Police Department

140

Number of cameras installed in Rockford Police Department vehicles

140

Review Process

The Rockford Police Department Supervisor review process of in-car video camera data is followed as per our general orders:

Patrol Sergeants shall review (2) MVR recordings per month from each officer under their direct supervision.

Lieutenants shall also conduct one (1) MVR digital recording review per month from each Patrol Sergeant under their direct supervision.

Selection of the MVR recording shall be from the first day of the previous month to the last day of the previous month (for example: if reviewing in February, select videos recorded from January 1st to January 31st) with the purpose of assessing officer performance, identifying material that may be appropriate for training, and ensuring compliance with this General Order.



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Respectfully submitted this 28th day of April 2025 by Carol Jaworowski, Financial Analyst, City of Rockford Police Department.

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