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RE: Officer-Worn Body Camera Reporting

To whom it may concern:

Below is the 2024 annual report submitted by the Downers Grove Police Department in compliance with **50 ILCS 706/10-25**.

1) The Downers Grove Police Department is a municipal law enforcement agency in DuPage County, which is authorized to have 71 sworn officers. The Downers Grove Police Department consists of three divisions: Operations, Support Services, and Special Services. Within Operations there is Patrol and Investigations, where nearly all the sworn officers are assigned. Within Support Services and Special Services, mostly civilian staff are assigned to duties like Evidence, Records, Public Education, and Community Services. Every sworn officer in the department is assigned an officer-worn body camera. Cameras are not assigned to civilian staff.

2) During calendar year 2024, there were 76 officer-worn body cameras held in inventory by the Downers Grove Police Department. During the reporting period, 67 officer-worn body cameras were assigned to sworn officers for use during law enforcement operations.

3) There were three (4) reported technical issues or malfunctions associated with officer-worn body cameras in 2024. Officers reported issues on a tracking sheet and a responsible party reviewed each issue, either troubleshooting the camera or opting to replace it with a spare while the faulty device was sent back to the manufacturer for repair or replacement. The main issue reported in 2024 was that devices were damaged (2 instances), and the device turning off on its own (1).

4) The following is a brief description of the officer-worn body camera review process conducted by supervisors at the Downers Grove Police Department.

A . Department members utilize the officer-worn body camera consistent with police department directives.

B . Recordings are assigned in Evidence.com to the member who created the recordings.



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C. A civilian staff member is assigned to monitor and review all the digital files within Evidence.com to ensure they are properly identified and categorized. When a digital file is not in compliance, the officer and their supervisor are made aware of the situation so that it can be remedied.

C. An investigation is initiated when a staff member determines that an officer-worn body camera is missing, lost, or damaged.

D. The distribution, charging, and uploading of the officer-worn body cameras and their digital files are consistent with police department directives.

E. Officers who reviewed an officer-worn body camera recording prior to writing a report document this information in the narrative portion of the police report.

F. Quarterly, supervisors review officer-worn body camera. If applicable and necessary, supervisors can review in-car camera recordings as well. Supervisors review an average of four (4) incidents per officer per quarter. The reviews are performed to ensure officers utilize the body-worn cameras in compliance with police department policy and procedures. This review process is documented in a computer program designed to conduct random body-worn camera video review and provide feedback to the officer.

There is no other relevant information related to the administration of the officer-worn body cameras to report.

Respectfully submitted,

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