

Jackson County Sheriff's Office 2024 Body Worn Camera Report

Description - Currently the Jackson County Sheriff's Office has a total of thirty-three (33) patrol deputies, which include five (5) full time Investigators, four (4) School Resource Officers, one (1) deputy assigned as an investigator to assist the Department of Children and Family Services and three (3) administrative/ command staff which include a patrol Captain, Lieutenant, and the Sheriff.

A total of 20 patrol deputies, (including four (4) Sergeants, two (2) Corporals and two (2) K9 Officers) make up the patrol division who are responsible for responding to and handling initial calls for service within the rural areas of Jackson County. Sheriff's deputies are trained law enforcement officers that work primarily at the county level and are charged with the duty to enforce all Federal and State laws, along with County Ordinances within Jackson County. Sheriff's deputies respond to a variety of calls for service which can include but are not limited to property crimes such as burglaries and thefts, crimes against persons such as battery, assault, domestic disturbances, sexual assaults, and even homicide. Sheriff's Deputies enforce traffic laws and respond to traffic accidents (both property damage and personal injury) along the approximate 1,100 roadway miles that wind through Jackson County. As sworn officers of the law, Sheriff's Deputies are also charged with making arrests and leading arrestees through the booking process once at the Jackson County jail.

They are additionally tasked with writing police reports, testifying in court proceedings, the service of court papers including, evictions, summons, subpoenas, orders of protection and criminal and civil warrants and are also responsible for the overall patrol of the 600 plus square miles that make up Jackson County. Jackson County is located in Southern Illinois and serves approximately 53,000 overall residents.



The Jackson County Sheriff's Office received approximately 10,000 calls for service in 2024. As stated before, those calls for service can often range from something as small as roadway obstructions and loud music complaints all the way to home invasions and homicides.

Deputies with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office handle their own criminal investigations on routine calls for service. On incidents that require lengthy or more in-depth investigations or incidents that involve more serious/significant crimes, the investigation will often be forwarded to the Investigations Division of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office where it is assigned to one of the five investigators/ detectives that work within the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. Those investigators will then conduct follow ups and work leads in the case until the case is resolved or can no longer be worked.

Number of body worn cameras – The Jackson County Sheriff's Office currently has 36 body worn cameras. The cameras are issued out to 33 personnel.

Technical Issues - In the past year, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office has had two body worn cameras that had issues. These issues did not result in the loss of body worn camera footage.

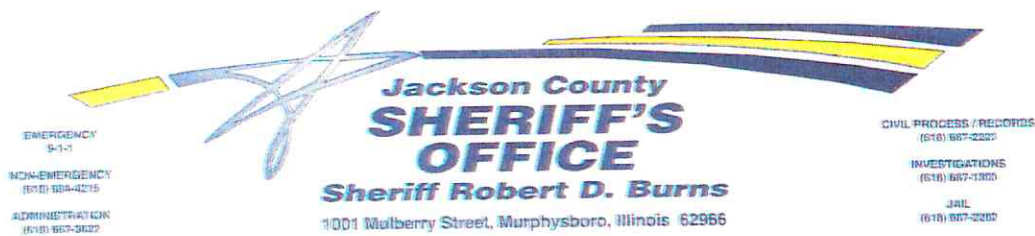
1) Axon Body 4 - D01A2755F

Programable button #1 was not working. It was either broken or stuck in the down position.

The camera was sent into Axon on 08-28-2024 and the camera was replaced.

2) Axon Body 4 – D01A2859S

There were at least four incidents where this camera was having issues.



- 1-Constant vibration was able to turn off, placed on dock and turned back on.
- 2-Camera was in sleep mode. Fast vibration. Placed on dock and turned back on.
- 3-Camera turns on, displays 100%, turns off. Placed on dock and turned back on.
- 4-Traded the camera with the officer to make sure it was not a user error. Camera was able to take a number of videos without incident. The camera was placed onto the dock to download and charge. Pulled the camera off the dock and it started to vibrate. This camera was at a point I feel it will fail while being used or we will lose footage.

The camera was sent into Axon on 10-16-2024 and the camera was replaced.

Review Process – The Jackson County Sheriff’s Office utilizes Axon Performance to facilitate the review process. A command hierarchy was built assigning personnel to a shift or division. Each shift or division is reviewed by their supervisor or a designee. Due to our patrol supervisors being on a different rotation than our patrol deputies, our review process is set to every 30 days to ensure we comply with the law. Personnel responsible for reviewing videos are provided with an automatic e-mail to remind them of the upcoming date when reviews are due.



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