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The Teutopolis Police Department recently implemented the use of body worn cameras. The use of the cameras went into effect upon completion of training on March 21st, 2024. Our agency utilizes the AXON camera system.

The Teutopolis Police Department selected AXON, after reviewing other body cameras and the feedback associated with other agencies. It was decided that AXON would have been the best choice based on our agency's needs. Due to the small size of our department the utilization of evidence.com to maintain and store the digital evidence appeared to be the best choice.

Our agency has only two full-time officers including the Chief of Police along with two part-time officers. We have two patrol vehicles that are shared between officers based upon needs. Both patrol vehicles are equipped with the FLEET camera system that is paired with the AXON body cameras.

We also use body cameras in an investigative role for interviews conducted both within the Police Dept. and during field interviews. The ability to set the camera upright in a room during an interview has been a major upgrade over using micro audio recorders. The FLEET system automatically uploads videos to evidence.com without any need for officer input. The body worn cameras upload to the server upon docking with the charging station. The body cameras are battery operated, and the battery would deplete quickly if the video was uploaded without being docked in the charger.

To date we have not had any technical issues or failures of AXON equipment of any kind. The system has worked flawlessly in both our vehicles and body worn cameras. We currently use 3 AXON body cameras. One camera is assigned to each full-time officer, and one camera is shared between the two part-time officers.

As of the time of this report there are 350 videos saved on the evidence server. 10 cases have been created where the video evidence has been retained. Three of the ten cases have been submitted to the State's Attorney's Office for prosecution. None of those cases have had a final resolution. One case is pending investigation.

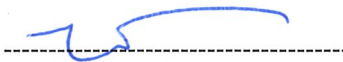
One instance has occurred where the video was manually downloaded and submitted to village administration where an officer assisted in a medical emergency involving a village employee. The video was saved for investigation by OSHA and the Illinois Department of Labor.

The cases created where evidence has been associated with an arrest or report are saved until manual deletion. As of this date no cases have been deleted. The remaining videos are retained until a timed deletion by the evidence server beyond the required state mandates.

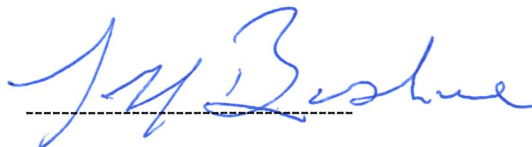
Random videos are frequently reviewed by either me or the Chief of Police to make sure the equipment is functioning properly. The reviews also determine whether officers are adhering to department policy and use of

force guidelines. Since the implementation of the camera system no public complaints have been received by our agency.

In conclusion the AXON/FLEET camera system has served our agency's needs beyond expectations. We will continue to use this system in the foreseeable future.

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Officer Travis Monnet

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Chief Jeff Bushue