



**Brown County Sheriff's Office
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This letter is to serve as an annual report for the Brown County Sheriff's Office Body Worn Camera program pursuant to 50 ILCS 706/10/25.

Overview:

The Brown County Sheriff's Office consists of 10 sworn personnel. All are issued body worn cameras including investigations, and Administration. Our office has 7 full-time sworn employees, and 3 part-time sworn deputies.

Cameras:

We received the cameras in October 2023 from Motorola and had them installed in early November of 2023. We began using body cameras after our training was complete with Motorola in early January 2024. We allowed the officers to use them for a few months to get used to them. During this time, we adapted our policy to fit our office. We spent several months and made several revisions to department policies based on the advice from our legal counsel. In August of 2024 we introduced department policies and used cameras until December 2024. This allowed time to correct mistakes made by officers and counsel officers on violations with policy. We went live on December 31, 2024.

When we started the program, we had 18 body cameras. After the Safety Act was introduced into law, our staff levels dropped dramatically, and our part time staff dropped significantly due to requirements of the act. We have recently returned 8 of our cameras and are only using 10 of them now. We used the credit we had on our account and bought an additional M500 in car camera and added a patrol vehicle to our fleet of squad cars.

Technical Problems:

We have had a few issues with the body cameras not syncing with the in-car cameras. This has caused the officers to have to manually turn on their body cameras. We have filed tickets with Motorola software and have been in touch with tech support to correct the issue. There has been a delay if they didn't realize it wasn't on and turned it on later after on scene. These issues have been addressed immediately and have been corrected. We also keep an

excel spreadsheet in the supervisor file to keep track of technical issues, and to document that they are being corrected. Motorola contacted us recently and advised us we would be upgrading probably in the next 12 months to the new generation of body cameras called the V700. They advised us it was part of our program package and would be switched out with current models free of charge.

Reviews:

The Chief Deputy reviews body camera footage every 90 days of deputy. They are done randomly, just reviewing a couple of videos at a time. We make suggestions or take corrective action if we notice something that appears unprofessional. We document what our observations were, and counsel the deputy on what to do in the future. We also use this to investigate complaints made against deputies. We also use them to provide positive feedback when we notice our officers are professional and performing at a high level in their job duties. So far, our States Attorney has not used any videos in prosecution of any cases in trials.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin D. Oliver", written over a large, light-colored oval shape.

Sheriff Justin D. Oliver