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## **Edwardsville Police Department Body-Worn Camera Annual Report Calendar Year 2025**

Pursuant to the **Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act (50 ILCS 706)**, the Edwardsville Police Department submits the following annual report regarding the deployment, operation, and oversight of body-worn cameras (BWCs) during calendar year 2025.

### **Program Overview**

The Edwardsville Police Department began deploying body-worn cameras in **October 2024**. The department utilizes **Axon Body 4 body-worn cameras** to document law enforcement encounters and interactions with the public. The use of BWCs promotes **professionalism, transparency, accountability, and the preservation of evidence** during law enforcement operations.

During the 2025 reporting period, BWCs were issued to sworn personnel in accordance with departmental policy and the requirements of the Illinois Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act.

### **Department Staffing**

During 2025, the Edwardsville Police Department employed up to **47 sworn law enforcement personnel** assigned to the following ranks and divisions:

- Chief – 1
- Major – 1
- Lieutenants – 3
- Sergeants – 7
- Detectives – 4
- Patrol Officers – 16
- D.A.R.E./School Resource Officers – 5

All sworn personnel assigned to enforcement duties were issued an individual body-worn camera.

### **Number of Body-Worn Cameras Deployed**

During the 2025 reporting period, the Edwardsville Police Department maintained **48 Axon Body 4 body-worn cameras**, including **one spare unit** available for deployment in the event of equipment malfunction, maintenance, or damage.

Each sworn officer assigned to operational duties was issued a department body-worn camera. The department maintains the ability to assign any available BWC to any officer as operational needs require.

### **Technical Issues**

During calendar year 2025, the Edwardsville Police Department experienced **two equipment malfunctions involving body-worn cameras**.

Both incidents were resolved without any loss of video recordings. In each instance, the affected officer was issued a backup camera while the malfunctioning device was returned to Axon for replacement under manufacturer warranty.

No incidents occurred in which evidentiary recordings were lost or unavailable due to equipment failure.

### **Supervisory Review of BWC Recordings**

Supervisors review body-worn camera recordings as part of the department's oversight and accountability processes.

Recordings are reviewed under the following circumstances:

- Incidents involving **use of force**
- **Citizen complaints** involving officer conduct
- **Random supervisory review** for policy compliance
- **Evidence review** during criminal investigations
- **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)** requests
- **Video redaction** prior to public release when required by law

Supervisory review ensures that officer conduct complies with departmental policy, state law, and established professional standards.

  
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