



# Urbana Police Department

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**Subject:** 2021 In-Squad and Body-Camera Report

This report fulfills the Illinois Body-Worn Camera Act reporting requirements, and the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board grant acceptance rules.

## **Department Overview, Number of Cameras, Installation, and Utilization**

The Urbana Police Department 2021 authorized strength was fifty- nine (59) officers.

The Department previously purchased sixty (60) WatchGuard VISTA Wi-Fi body-worn cameras and fourteen (14) WatchGuard 4RE In-Squad Camera systems. The department provides a VISTA camera to every officer that it employees. During the 2019 up-fitting of new squad cars, the Department installed thirteen (13) 4RE systems and held back one (1) 4RE as a spare. The department still utilizes and maintains this equipment to date.

UPD policy requires officers to utilize the cameras when in uniform while conducting law enforcement activity. At the beginning of a shift, officers synchronize the VISTA to the squad's 4RE system. This synchronization provides a 4RE and VISTA file every time the officer activates either system. The Department allows access to the recordings via a secured network connection to the Champaign County State's Attorney Office

## **Audit-Review Process**

An officer's monitoring sergeant reviews at least one randomly selected file a month. Urbana Police command staff may periodically review records. Sergeants and command review the records to

- Ensure officer compliance to policy
- Identify training needs
- Recognize exemplary officer performance
- Complete citizen complaint investigations
- Fulfill FOIA requests

## **Technical issues**

- No issues reported / discovered from any 4RE in car camera systems in 2021.
- Four cameras failed due to battery issues, while two stopped working due to software/firmware issues. Replacement cameras were purchased by the department as the warranty has since expired. Officers were able to use spare cameras until replacement cameras arrived.

## **Incidents - Criminal**

Please see attached excel spreadsheet - [2021 ILETSB Camera Report Data Final](#).