2019 - Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act - Report

The Menard County Sheriff’s Office was awarded five (5) in-car camera systems in 2018 through the Law Enforcement Camera Grant program administered by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. All five (5) cameras have been installed and are in full-service. Installation of the cameras was completed at the end of July 2018. One camera was installed in a utility vehicle that was used as a backup car, but as of 4/25/2019 that camera has now been re-installed in a new squad issued to a full-time deputy.

Videos are reviewed by supervisor personnel at random and when specific events are called in to question. Supervisors have access to ALL recorded events from each camera. All recorded events are stored regardless of whether or not they are needed in court proceedings.

Copies of each video are only sent to the state’s attorney’s office or court of venue when needed for prosecution or specifically requested (civil case, coroner, etc.).

Currently all video is stored on external hard drives and is maintained by the sheriff’s office.

Attached is a list of all known cases in which video from these cameras was used through 12/31/2018. Many other cases/incidents are stored on video but have yet to be used or needed in any court proceeding, civil action, coroner’s inquest, etc. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Respectfully,

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