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2021 Lake Villa Police Department Camera Reporting Requirements

(for ILETSB, State of Illinois Governor’s Office and the State of Illinois General Assembly)

Per instructions received, below are the questions asked reference information needed for the BWC Grant in regards to the 2021 BWC Camera Reporting guideline for the Lake Villa Police Department (ORI# IL0491100).

Attachments to this explanation letter will also include the 2021 annual calendar year BWC Report for ILETSB and the 2021 department oversight and review report.

\*(NOTE - There is no requirement for our agency in reference to in-car cameras, as we did not receive a grant/award for those units).

1. **a brief overview of the makeup of the agency, including the number of officers utilizing officer-worn body cameras –**

*The agency consists of approximately 16 F/T officers and 7 P/T officers. All on-duty patrol personnel are required to wear BWC’s per policy. (\*Administrative personnel are not required to wear BWC’s).*

1. **the number of officer-worn body cameras utilized by the law enforcement agency-**

*27 BWC’s are owned by the agency. 23 of them are utilized by active patrol personnel while on duty, and per policy, and law, are to be activated while responding to, and during police/citizen contacts. Spare body cameras are available if breakdown occurs.*

1. **any technical issues with the equipment and how those issues were remedied –**

*10 breakdowns, or technical issues were brought to the attention of the agency in the 2021 year. All of those BWC’s were taken out of service, and replaced with new, or spare cameras. The following is a list of breakdowns / concerns:*

*\* 1 Technical issue – BWC would not sync with vehicle cam system.*

*\* 3 excess battery drain, or charging issue; Taken out of service and warrantied*

*\* 4 Software, or computer malfunction error codes detected, warranty replaced*

*\* 2 Broken, or cracked, LED screens, warranty replaced.*

*\*\*Dead batteries and broken attachment clips are sporadic and remedied, when needed.*

1. **a brief description of the review process used by supervisors within the law enforcement agency –**

*Our review process consists of at least 1 random BWC video per officer, per month, being reviewed for oversight, or any training or concerns (See attached list in the email).*

1. **for each recording used in prosecutions of conservation, criminal, or traffic offenses or municipal ordinance violations:**

**(A). the time, date, and location of the incident; and**

**(B). the offenses charged and the date charges were filed;**

*(See 2021 Yearly Report included with this email involving arrests and dispositions, if known).*

**(6) for a recording used in a civil proceeding or internal affairs investigation:**

**(A) the number of pending civil proceedings and internal investigations;**

**(B) in resolved civil proceedings and pending investigations:**

**(i) the nature of the complaint or allegations;**

**(ii) the disposition, if known; and**

**(iii) the date, time and location of the incident; and –**

* *0 civil proceeding recordings are being held, or pending*
* *1 internal investigation; Dec. 2021- One internal investigation from a formal written complaint made by a citizen regarding negative conduct by an officer. The incident occurred on 12/13/2021, at about 836a.m., at 1600 Eagle Way in Lake Villa, during a motorist contact / traffic stop. The investigation revealed a conduct concern, and policy violations in regards to department conduct and use of department cameras. The member was determined to be in violation of various policies, and later received a written reprimand for those issues.*

**(7) any other information relevant to the administration of the program.**

*Lake Villa PD keeps its own in-house server. Docking stations consist of areas to download / charge each BWC. We use the WatchGuard brand Vista Wi-Fi body worn cameras (BWC); and the WatchGuard 4RE, in-car systems with the BWC upgrade, this allows the two systems to talk to each other.*

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