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Chief of Police: John R. Birk

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Re: Law Enforcement Camera Act Grant

To Whom It May Concern,

The following information is being submitted to fulfill the reporting requirements of the Law Enforcement Camera Act Grant, 50 ILCS 707/15, 20.

In 2018, the McHenry Police Department received twelve (12) Panasonic Arbitrator MK3 systems through the grant process and all twelve (12) were installed in McHenry Police Department vehicles.

Per Department policy, McHenry Police Department patrol sergeants are responsible for the day-to-day oversight of the utilization of the Department's in-car camera equipment. This responsibility shall include, but is not be limited to ensuring that proper login and "Bookmarking" procedures are followed by officers, ensuring digital recordings with evidentiary value are treated as evidence, and notifying the Department's designated Training Coordinator whenever a digital recording contains an incident that would be useful for training purposes.

The patrol sergeants are also responsible for the quarterly review of data. Each patrol sergeant shall review a minimum of two (2) recordings for each officer under their supervision. When a review is conducted, a review form is completed. The reviews are meant to accomplish the following objectives: Identifying training issues, insuring department policies and all laws are being followed, addressing any officer safety concerns, recognizing a job well done that otherwise may have gone unnoticed, and locating videos for training purposes.

Attached is the requested list of any criminal, traffic, ordinance, and civil cases from 2019 in which in-car video recordings were used, including party names, case numbers, offenses charged, and disposition of the matter.

Thank you.

Thomas M. Walsh
Deputy Chief of Police

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The Mission of the McHenry Police Department is to work in a true partnership with the citizens we serve, enhance the quality of life and provide excellence in public safety.