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The Martinsville Police Department implemented its body camera program for all sworn Law Enforcement Officers on January 1st 2025. The department consisted of 10 sworn Officers for most of 2025.

The Department purchased VB400 body cameras from Motorola Solutions and they maintain our digital storage capabilities.

Our program consists of 4 body worn cameras and no “in squad” cameras. All digital evidence is downloaded to “Video Manager EX” and kept for the required retention times. Two Cameras are registered to two specific Officers and the other two cameras are used by part time Officers.

In 2025 there was no technical/hardware issues with the body cameras reported from any Officer in this Department. On one occasion a body cameras was not properly seated in the charging doc, causing the next working Officer to have to switch to another body camera that was fully charged. Each time this took place I notified the Officer. To alleviate this, every morning I check and make sure each body camera is properly seated in the charging doc.

I review each arrest and traffic citation video for quality control and evidence processing. If an issue is found I will contact Motorola to fix the issue. No one except the Chief of Police has access to view body camera footage. If an Officer requests to watch footage for the purpose of writing a report, both the Officer and the Chief of Police view it. If an Officer does view a body camera video, they properly indicate that in their report.

In closing, I feel body worn cameras are an important asset to our profession. If any additional information is needed, please contact me.

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