



ILLINOIS STATE POLICE
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To whom it may concern,

Please find below the annual reporting information pursuant to 50 ILCS 706/10-25 regarding the Illinois State Police Body Camera Program for January 1 – December 31, 2025.

Agency Overview

The Illinois State Police (ISP) have 1,828 sworn law enforcement officers. Each sworn officer is issued with a body camera. ISP Policy allows administrative personnel of the rank of Major, Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel, and Chief of Staff, who primarily work in an office setting, to be exempt from body camera issuance; however, most of these staff are still issued one.

The ISP issues body cameras to inspectors. Inspectors are divided into two groups: department staff and law enforcement officers from other police agencies assigned to work on an ISP Metropolitan Enforcement Group (MEG) or Task Force. ISP has issued body cameras to 4 ISP inspectors and 113 MEG inspectors.

Lastly, the ISP, Division of Patrol, Protective Services Unit (PSU) has 6 Police Officers who are issued body cameras. PSU Police Officers are ISP employees that protect State of Illinois buildings in the City of Chicago.

The number of officers reported herein is approximate, as it is in a state of flux due to separations from employment (e.g., retirements) and new hires (e.g., MEG, Cadets).

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Technical Issues

During this reporting period the ISP has experienced the following issues with body cameras:

- Battery degradation over time, resulting in the failure to maintain a charge for 10 hours,
- Various error codes that would not resolve and required the devices to be returned for warranty exchange.
- In-car Wi-Fi base failing to sync the body-worn camera to the in-car camera system,
- Body camera battery seat loosening, causing irregular connection, resulting in the camera powering on/off intermittently; cameras must be returned for warranty replacement.

Periodic Video Review

ISP policy, EQP-015 Law Enforcement Mobile Recording Equipment, requires periodic video review. Supervisory personnel are tasked with reviewing recordings for officers under their supervision for the purpose of:

- Assessing officer performance and safety, to include the usage of personal protective equipment,
- Determining if the equipment is functioning and being properly used,
- Determining if officers are correctly assigning event labels, and when applicable, assigning secondary event tags,
- Identifying material that may be appropriate for training.

Supervisors reviewing recordings where a linked recording from an in-car camera system is available must review both recordings. Supervisory personnel maintain a log, "Supervisory Review Log for Video Medium," or an equivalent method for the media reviewed. Each Division establishes a protocol for the cyclical review of recordings of its staff.

ISP's Body Camera Program – Overview

The ISP utilizes Motorola body cameras. In 2026, the ISP will receive equipment refresh of body cameras. The model V300 body camera will be replaced with the model V700. Officers assigned to the Division of Patrol are also issued in-car camera systems that pair with their body cameras. In-car camera systems include the Motorola M500 and the WatchGuard 4RE. The WatchGuard 4RE units are being phased out as their warranty expires and replaced with M500 systems. M500s are installed in all new patrol vehicles.

Since this is the first report submitted by the ISP, a brief overview of the Body Camera Program is provided. The ISP initiated a Body Camera Pilot Program in 2021. The WatchGuard VISTA camera was chosen for the pilot. Over the course of 2021 and 2022 the ISP evaluated the equipment and technology solutions unique to the operations of the State Police. In early 2023, the ISP purchased Motorola V300 body-worn camera and a M500 in-car camera system for installation in new patrol vehicles received during 2023. In late 2023, the ISP purchased additional V300 body-worn cameras to issue to all officers and inspectors. Over the course of 2024, the ISP distributed body cameras and accessories to all sworn staff. All staff completed training on equipment use and operations. The ISP transitioned from the Pilot Program to fully implemented by the legislative deadline for body camera requirements on January 1, 2025. The Body Camera Program is facilitated by the Division of Statewide 9-1-1.

Respectfully Submitted,

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