



South Barrington
Police Department

MEMORANDUM

To: Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board

From: Michael Garrison, Chief of Police

Date: 04/23/2026

Subject: 2025 Annual Report - Body Worn Camera

South Barrington Police Department - 2025 ILETSB BWC Report

Brief Overview:

The South Police Department began using the Axon Body Worn 4 Cameras (BWC) on December 14, 2023. The initial implementation began with two police officers and one sergeant carrying the BWC. We decided a slow rollout with the cameras would help transition the department better than training everyone all at once. The South Barrington Police Department has 25 sworn police officers (1 Chief, 1 Deputy Chief, 4 Sergeants, 2 Detectives, 12 Officers, and 5 Part-Time Officers). In 2025 our staffing increased to 25 sworn police officers.

In June 2024, the South Barrington Police Department permanently installed and placed in service eight (8) Axon Fleet 3 in-car cameras in law enforcement agency vehicles.

Technical Issues:

No technical issues were noted during the year.

Review Process:

South Barrington Police Department supervisors:

- a. Supervisors shall ensure officers equipped with BWCs use them according to policy and training.
- b. When a supervisor becomes aware a recorded incident pertains to a critical incident, the supervisor shall review only those recordings necessary and relevant to their investigative scope.

- c. Monthly, supervisors will randomly review one (1) recording from each officer working with them to ensure the equipment is operating properly and officers are using the cameras appropriately and in accordance with this policy and training.
 1. The selection of recordings will be conducted in an impartial manner that promotes an equitable review of recordings from all officers under their supervision.
 2. Supervisors shall document their review using the Guardian Tracking software under Performance Category - Body Worn Camera Review.
 3. Supervisors shall not review recordings for the sole purpose of searching for violations of Department policy or law not related to a specific complaint or incident.
- d. Recordings may not be reviewed indiscriminately for disciplinary purposes. Recordings may be reviewed to determine possible employee discipline when:
 1. A formal or informal complaint of misconduct has been made.
 2. The encounter on the recording could result in a formal investigation under the Uniform Peace Officer's Disciplinary Act.
 3. A use of force incident or vehicle pursuit has occurred.
 4. As corroboration or other evidence of misconduct
- e. Livestream Function:
 1. The purpose of utilizing the live view function is for officer safety and to give direction until a supervisor arrives on scene. Supervisors are authorized to access livestream video for law enforcement purposes only.
 2. Livestream should only be used in the following situations:
 - a. Officer safety (officer not responding to a radio call, sounds of a struggle/disturbance, officer requesting emergency assistance, etc.); or
 - b. Serious in-progress incidents where there could be a tactical or informational benefit to supervisors and it's not practical to notify the officer (pursuits, barricaded subjects, etc.); or
 - c. For all other law enforcement activity, supervisors shall notify the officer prior to beginning livestream.

Complaints:

The South Barrington Police Department had one (1) registered complaint requiring the use of BWC video. The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board received a "Notice of Violation" Complaint Number 25-0185 for the violation of civil rights while using excessive force and threatening illegal arrest. The alleged incident occurred on June 25, 2025, at 1200 hours at 50 W. Higgins Rd. in South Barrington, Illinois, 60175.

This alleged incident was investigated and all charges and accusations were UNFOUNDED. Our findings were reported to Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, and they provided a letter that indicated the matter is closed. The evidence provided did not satisfy the clear and convincing evidentiary standard necessary to proceed with a formal complaint.

Additional:

The Police Department has the AXON Taser 7 which also automatically starts the recording on the BWC when the Taser is taken off safe mode.