



# Village of Steger

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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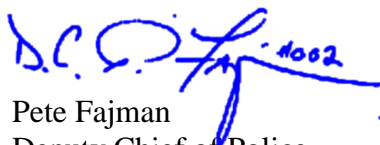
Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board  
500 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Springfield, IL 62701

RE: 2025 Body Worn Camera Reporting

To whom it may concern,

Pursuant to 50 ILCS 706/10-25, enclosed is our Department's 2025 Annual Report on Body Worn Cameras. Currently the Steger Police Department utilizes the Digital Ally, FirstVU PRO, Body Worn Camera. This Report covers January 1 – December 31, 2025. Please feel free to contact me at 708-755-0223 x 202 or [pfajman@villageofsteger.org](mailto:pfajman@villageofsteger.org) should you need any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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# Steger Police Department

## 2025 Annual Body Worn Camera Report

### Department Overview – Steger Police Department

The Steger Police Department consists of fifteen (15) sworn Police Officers, including the Chief and Deputy Chief, and maintains twenty (20) body worn cameras. Every sworn Police Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Deputy Chief and Chief are issued a body worn camera, which is utilized while actively engaged in law enforcement-related activities. Five (5) body worn cameras are maintained as spares, and will be issued to potential newly hired Police Officers.

### Technical Issues

During 2025, the Steger Police Department experienced several issues where Officer Worn Body Cameras malfunctioned. These malfunctions included the following:

- The Date and Time on the camera would randomly revert to 12/31/1969, causing the recordings to have the Date and Time of the recording to be wrong. This was addressed by the Camera Vendor, Digital Ally, who updated the software to fix this “bug”.
- Several cameras had issues where the camera would record videos with a pink hue. These cameras were sent back to Digital Ally, who replaced them.
- Cameras easily were knocked off Officers due to the design of the camera’s clip / attachment.
- Three (3) cameras locked up and had to be sent to Digital Ally for replacement.
- Randomly cameras will not begin a thirty (30) second pre-record, or (5) second post record, despite being set to do so in the Settings. This causes the recordings to start late or end soon. Digital Ally is still looking into this issue. Officers have been advised to start their recording well before an encounter, if practical, and allow the camera to record for several seconds after the encounter to ensure the camera captures the entire encounter.

### Review Process

Steger Police Department supervisors may review body worn camera recordings in the following instances:

- *Monthly Audits* – On a monthly basis, each shift supervisor randomly reviews videos from each Officer on their shift, to ensure proper activation and tagging.
- *Report Review* – Body worn camera recordings may be reviewed during a supervisor’s report review process, for clarification purposes.
- *Citizen Complaints* – If a complaint is made against an Officer, the applicable video is reviewed.
- *Use of Force Reviews* – If an Officer uses force, the applicable video is reviewed.
- *Field Training* – Trainee videos are reviewed regularly, to gauge their development in the program.
- *Other* – Videos may be reviewed if supervisors are made aware of exceptional performance, life-saving measures, ect. Videos also may be reviewed by Detectives/Investigators in the course of investigating cases.