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Governor JB Pritzker, Illinois General Assembly Members, & ILETSB,

The Effingham County Sheriff's Office (ECSO) received grant funding in 2024 for five in-car camera systems, which were installed in five vehicles. One of those vehicles was unfortunately totaled in a crash in October 2024, after being rear ended by a drunk driver, so this camera system (S/N 1D03-AF9F) is no longer in service. Another one of the five camera systems (S/N 1D03-B45F) is in a vehicle assigned to Investigations, so it is rarely used for in-progress enforcement activity as it would if it was assigned to Patrol. However, the vehicle is still equipped with the camera and it is functional if/when needed. The other three systems (S/N 1D03-AF35, S/N 1D03-AF2C, & S/N 1D03-B1A7) are in use in full-time patrol cars, and the enforcement activity reports for those systems are attached.

The ECSO has 18 vehicles assigned to full-time staff, as well as 3 utility vehicles which are used as spare vehicles and for part-time staff, all equipped with in-car camera systems. These in-car camera systems are in addition to Body Worn Cameras being utilized by ALL Law Enforcement and Correctional staff. The only vehicles not equipped with these camera systems are two Administration vehicles, two additional Investigations vehicles and three Corrections vehicles.

Supervisors review camera footage during investigations regarding complaints on staff, employee involved motor vehicle accidents and uses of force. In addition, supervisors have access to review any subordinate camera footage at any time, and conduct random reviews of such footage to identify acts of good conduct, potential training issues or topics, and any improper activity needing addressed.