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Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board

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Subj: 2025 Body Worn Camera & In-Squad Annual Report

### **Department Overview, Number of Cameras, Installation, and Utilization**

The Parkland College Police Department (PCPD) consists of thirteen (13) sworn officers who utilized thirteen (13) BWCs. The department provides a VISTA camera to every officer upon their employment. The Department owns fifteen (15) WatchGuard VISTA Wi-Fi body-worn cameras and three (3) 4RE In-Squad Camera systems. We received BWCs from a local agency and added twelve to our local inventory using an in-house process since Motorola reps could not assist.

### **Technical Issues**

- Recent issues include: battery life would not last the entire shift (BWCs would just die or shut off) and officers were having to charge it mid-shift; some displayed a red light and an error message; a couple would begin recording without manual prompting. To remedy this issue, we contacted customer service to ask for software updates, however, we were told that there was no one available who was familiar with this software/hardware anymore so current versions could not be found.
- Because the cameras are no longer under warranty, the department had internal staff troubleshoot; Officer Conner Weber had experience changing out batteries from the acquired BWCs and did so successfully on two cameras.

### **Audit-Review Process**

An officer's sergeant reviews at least one randomly selected file a month, documented through a Body Cam Monthly Check spreadsheet. Parkland Police command staff may periodically review records to:

- Identify training needs
- Ensure officer compliance to policy
- Fulfill FOIA requests
- If a complaint is made and a BWC recording exists, a supervisor will immediately ensure the recording is secure. The recording will be copied to DVD or USB storage device and given to Chief for review.

### **Prosecution Instances**

A review of 2025 showed three cases where BWC and In-Squad camera footage was used for prosecution. See attached spreadsheet for details.

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