



MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

747 – BODY WORN CAMERAS (BWC)

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REVIEWED/APPROVED BY:
Assistant Chief Craig Sarnow
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ACTION: Amends General Order 2023-59 (November 9, 2023)

WILEAG STANDARD(S): 1.2.5, 6.3.6, 6.6.4, 10.2.1

ROLL CALL VERSION

Contains only changes to current policy.
For complete version of SOP, see SharePoint.

747.10 DEFINITIONS

E. EVIDENCE SYNG APPLICATION

A desktop-based application that allows ~~Taser CEW logs~~ and Axon video to be annotated with meta-data in the same fashion as the AXON Mobile smartphone application prior to uploading to Evidence.com. SYNG The Evidence application streamlines video uploads from the field when you connect AXON cameras to an MDC or at a work location desktop computer.

747.20 GENERAL GUIDELINES

D. REPAIR / REPLACEMENT

2. BWC replacement parts and/or systems are available by contacting the BWC program administrator(s). The proper documentation, outlined above, must have been filed with a copy made available for review by the BWC program administrator(s) before replacement parts or systems will be issued. This documentation only needs to be sent to the BWC program administrator if requested when the supervisor notifies the BWC program administrator.

747.25 OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES (WILEAG 1.2.5, 6.3.6, 6.6.4, 10.2.1)

C. AUDIO / VIDEO RECORDING

2. Use of and Recording with the BWC

- i. For efficiency, members assigned a BWC can view and tag captured video via the Axon mobile smartphone app or by using ~~Syng~~ the Evidence application prior to uploading to Evidence.com.

G. IMPOUNDING OF DATA, DATA UPLOADING AND VIDEO CATAGORIZATION

1. The auto-tagging process will typically assign the appropriate category, ID and title

to each individual recording after the member docks their BWC at the end of their tour or duty. However, not all individual recordings may be captured by the auto-tagging process and prior to the end of the member's next tour of duty they shall ensure all individual recordings from their prior tour of duty are assigned the appropriate category, ID and Title. Instructions for categorizing, titling and identifying each individual recording follow:

a. ID field: Enter the CAD number.

1. Members should use the following format in the ID field:

CAD number: (nine ten digit CAD number starting with a P) e.g., PXXXXXXXXXX

b. Title field:

3. For other imported non-BWC evidence, include the case number and a brief description of the evidence (e.g., 230040004 P2601010001 PHOTOGRAPHS).

2. Recording Management Categories

a. The following recording categories are to be used. Retention times beyond the limits listed below may be required if the department receives a directive to preserve the video within 120 days after the date of recording in accordance with [Wis. Stat. § 165.87\(2\)\(c\)](#).

21. ~~Inspections~~ Compliance Management Hold

a. All recordings associated with holds placed by the ~~Inspections~~ Compliance Management Section.

3. At the end of each shift, members assigned a BWC will place their camera into the ETM for automatic uploading of all recorded data from the BWC into Evidence.com.

Note: Due to the unique nature of their assignments (i.e., take-home vehicles), motorcycle and K9 officers are exempt from charging and uploading cameras at a dock connected to Evidence.com after each shift. These members will be responsible for uploading their camera video via ~~Syne~~ the Evidence application from their vehicle-mounted MDC prior to the beginning of their next shift. Extra care will have to be used to ensure the camera is downloaded and charged prior to beginning their next shift.



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