MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

730 – IN-CAR CAMERA SYSTEMS

GENERAL ORDER: 2024-39 **ISSUED:** July 22, 2024	**EFFECTIVE:** July 22, 2024	**REVIEWED/APPROVED BY:** Assistant Chief Craig Sarnow **DATE:** June 3, 2024
ACTION: Amends General Order 2022-39 (September 6, 2022)		**WILEAG STANDARD(S): NONE**

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

730.05 DEFINITIONS

C. AXON ~~VIEW XL~~ SOFTWARE

Software installed on the mobile data computer (MDC), which controls and supports the Axon Fleet cameras.

730.15 IN-CAR CAMERA OPERATING PROCEDURES

A. GENERAL OPERATION

The department operates ~~two versions (Axon Fleet 1 and Fleet 2) of the~~ Axon in-car camera systems in its marked patrol fleet.

C. START OF SHIFT (MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES)

1. Prior to each shift, absent priority or exigent circumstances, members operating an Axon in-car camera equipped vehicle shall log into the ~~Axon View XL app~~ Axon software on their MDC using their Axon Evidence.com credentials prior to driving the vehicle. Members shall then conduct an inspection of the in-car camera system to ensure:

c. Using the ~~Axon View XL app~~ Axon software, members must ensure there is adequate recording time remaining on each camera, and there are no errors indicated with the cameras or ~~app~~ Axon software (e.g., cameras buffering)~~, and the system has Bluetooth connectivity~~.

~~Note: Lack of WiFi connectivity within the Axon View XL app will not affect general operation of the system, however, it will delay offloading of recorded video from the car to Evidence.com and will prevent review of video from the MDC. Members shall report this condition as specified in SOP 730.15(G) so the condition can be corrected. The lack of WiFi does not prevent use of the vehicle.~~

d. The system is tested for proper video and audio functionality. This is done by turning on the emergency lights or manually activating cameras and then verbally indicating you are conducting a system test (this test will usually take 5-10 seconds). Once the video and audio test is completed, members will review what was recorded on the ~~Axon View XL app~~ Axon software to be sure the system is in good working order and then tag the test video(s) as follows in the ~~Axon View XL app~~ Axon software:
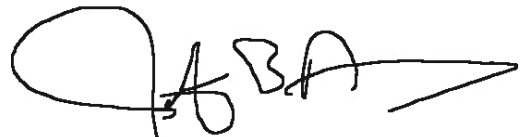
ID = 000000000
Title = Test
Category = 08 Testing

D. GENERAL IN-CAR CAMERA OPERATION

3. Members will start recording the rear compartment immediately upon placing a subject in an in-car camera system equipped vehicle. To initiate a rear camera recording, the vehicle must be started and the rear in-car camera must be turned on by one of the following methods:

a. Manually using the ~~Axon View XL app~~ Axon software to trigger the camera on.

g. If the member using the in-car camera system is logged on to the ~~Axon View XL app~~ Axon software, the member may review events recorded by the in-car camera system for up to 2 hours after the recording is complete on their MDC before being auto cued for upload into Axon Evidence. Members can prioritize the upload of videos in the ~~Axon View XL app~~ Axon software for immediate upload to Axon Evidence if necessary. Reviewing the recordings in the vehicle can ensure the system is working properly, may help a member correct known deficiencies in system performance, and can aid in remembering details of an event for the purposes of proper documentation in official written police reports.

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