

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

730 - IN-CAR CAMERA SYSTEMS

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Assistant Chief Craig Sarnow

Assistant Chief Craig Sarnow **DATE:** February 27, 2025

ACTION: Amends General Order 2024-39 (July 22, 2024)

WILEAG STANDARD(S): NONE

ROLL CALL VERSION

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

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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. If a member initiates a rear camera recording, they shall ensure the front camera is also recording and shall not deactivate the front camera unless it is in accordance with subsection f. 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:
 - g. If the member using the in-car camera system is logged on to the 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 software for immediate upload to Axon Evidence if necessary regardless if it has already been automatically offloaded. 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.

F. VIDEO UPLOAD

- In-car camera systems use 4G LTE a cellular network for in the field uploading and high speed video uploading when an in-car camera system is within about 300 feet of a district station, the PAB or Specialized Patrol Division. The uplink modem for either 4G LTE or Wi-Fi the cellular network will automatically shut down after about 2 hours once the car has been shut off.
- 2. In order for video to upload from the in-car camera system to Axon Evidence, the member must be logged on. Failure to log on will cause video tagging issues, failure to get notified of faulty equipment, and will cause recordings to store on the cameras for extended periods. Event recordings will automatically and immediately offload

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using the cellular network when the event has concluded. Event recordings will not offload while the event is still recording.

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