

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

NOTICE

July 10, 2020

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TO: All Sworn Personnel

FROM: Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: BODY WORN VIDEO KIT ACCOUNTABILITY AND AVAILABILITY –
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The Department significantly benefits from the use of Body Worn Video (BWV) on a daily basis. In addition to building public trust through transparency, BWV footage consistently demonstrates that officers meet and exceed incredibly high expectations in almost all circumstances. As such, the Department recognizes the value in making more BWV devices available to officers working uniformed, public-facing assignments.

In order to maintain consistent numbers of devices at each Area/division, effective immediately, BWV kits (BWV, smart phone, camera mounts, and any City-issued accessories) are not to be removed from the Area/division to which they were issued. When an officer transfers from an Area/division with an issued BWV kit to another Area/division, the officer shall return the BWV kit issued by the departing Area/division and receive another BWV kit from the arriving Area/division.

Additionally, only officers in field enforcement assigned to BWV-equipped commands shall possess a City-owned BWV kit. For purposes of this Notice, the following commands are authorized to maintain BWV equipment:

- All Office of Operations commands (geographic Areas, bureau-level uniformed officers, etc.);
- Traffic Group commands;
- Metropolitan Division;
- Security Services Division;
- Any command requiring BWV to comply with Special Order 12, *Body Worn Video Procedures – Established*, dated April 28, 2015, and securing written approval to keep the devices from Tactical Technology Section, Innovation Management Division.

Any officer outside of the above commands shall immediately return their BWV kit to the Area/division that originally issued the equipment.

Commanding officers at BWV-equipped Areas/divisions shall ensure training coordinators receive the returned BWV kit from any officer leaving their command. Training coordinators at all commands shall ensure officers return any retained BWV kits to the Area/division that issued the equipment.

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For any questions regarding this Notice, please contact the Evaluation and Administration Section, Office of Operations, at (213) 486-6050.

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