

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

NOTICE 1.1

August 4, 2020

TO: All Department Personnel

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: BODY WORN VIDEO (BWV) BATTERY LIFE-EXPECTATIONS FOR
MAINTAINING A CHARGED BWV DEVICE IN THE FIELD

The purpose of this Notice is to remind Department personnel of the expectation to be equipped with a useable Body Worn Video (BWV) device. Recent inspections have revealed that officers have worn a BWV device with insufficient battery life to capture recordings of community contacts and critical incidents.

The Department is aware that BWV devices, like any device with a rechargeable battery, suffer from battery degradation over time. In an effort to mitigate this, the Department is conducting lifecycle replacements with newer devices and has acquired replacement batteries for older devices pending replacement.

Regardless of equipment issued, officers shall do the following to ensure BWV devices maintain sufficient usable charge:

- Verify their BWV device is charged at Start of Watch using either the Axon View application on an officer's smartphone or the Axon Body 3 digital display;
- Periodically check battery life throughout a shift;
- Monitor for device feedback for critically low battery life (the device will "chirp" when the battery life reaches 20%); and
- Take action to maintain a charged BWV device when critically low battery life is reached.

To maintain a charged device, officers may respond to the station to charge their issued BWV device in the dock while completing administrative work (e.g., writing reports), if call load permits. Alternatively, officers may check-out a fully-charged loaner BWV device from the kitroom or request a supervisor to bring a charged BWV device to them in the field, if a response to the station is not practicable. In either case, the officer shall ensure the loaner BWV device is assigned to that officer in Evidence.com prior to use.

Note: Officers shall not turn off BWV devices in an attempt to save battery life. Officers shall follow the guidelines in Office of the Chief of Police Notice, *Body-Worn Video Device Pre-Activation Buffer; Requirement to Leave Device Powered On - Reminder*, dated January 17, 2020.

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Additionally, officers with assigned BWV devices are reminded that they are required to fully-charge their device after any secondary employment that will require BWV device usage, such as Cash Overtime Allotment for Scheduling and Timekeeping details.

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



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