

## CHIEF OF DETECTIVES

### NOTICE

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June 19, 2020

**TO:** All Department Personnel

**FROM:** Chief of Detectives

**SUBJECT:** FORMATION OF THE LOS ANGELES HATE CRIMES TASK FORCE

Commencing in June 2020, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) will be participating in the newly established Los Angeles Hate Crimes Task Force (LAHCTF) along with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD). The specific mission of the LAHCTF is to develop meaningful and productive investigatory and intelligence collection relationships among the detectives, officers, deputies, agents and intelligence analysts who are charged with investigating hate crimes within the jurisdictions of the participating agencies.

The goal is to ensure all hate crimes investigatory and intelligence personnel develop strong working relationships with one another, so their agency personnel can collectively respond to hate crimes trends and incidents as a force multiplier for hate crimes investigations. Additionally, the LAHCTF will develop investigative strategies to counter on-line threats and direct the application of those strategies within their respective agencies by engaging in proactive investigations.

The LAPD's representatives to the task force are the Chief of Detectives and the Hate Crimes Coordinator assigned to Robbery Homicide Division. Please direct all questions, concerns and requests regarding the LAHCTF to the Hate Crimes Coordinator at Robbery Homicide Division at (213) 486-6850.

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INITIATED BY: (Name, Bureau or Division, etc.) Commander Michael P. Rimkunas Assistant to the Director, Office of Operations		DATE June 24, 2020	
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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO PUBLISH BODY WORN VIDEO PRE-ACTIVATION BUFFER BEST PRACTICE			
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## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

### NOTICE

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July 1, 2020

**TO:** All Department Personnel

**FROM:** Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** BODY WORN VIDEO PRE-ACTIVATION BUFFER BEST PRACTICE

During a review of recent critical incidents, including Categorical Uses of Force, an officer's Body Worn Video (BWV) recording, particularly the two-minute pre-activation buffer, was often pivotal in highlighting attempts at de-escalation and ultimately played a crucial role in the final adjudication of an incident.

As directed in the Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy Notice, *Powering Off Body-Worn Camera Devices While in Department Facilities*, dated December 20, 2018, **officers shall have their BWV cameras powered on and ready to activate at all times when deployed to the field. Officers shall also have their BWV cameras powered on and ready to activate while in a Department facility and likely to become engaged in an enforcement or investigative activity involving a member of the public.**

**Note:** Due to the dynamic nature of each contact, officers shall keep their BWV cameras powered-on and ready to activate while interacting with an arrestee or any member of the public inside of a Department facility.

Although certain scenarios allow for the powering-off of a BWV camera, officers are encouraged to form a habit of leaving their BWV device powered-on throughout their shift. The benefits of the two-minute pre-activation buffer far outweigh the negatives, such as the unintentional recording of potentially sensitive information/situations.

**Note:** Officers are reminded that the two-minute pre-activation buffer only captures video and that audio is not recorded until the BWV device is activated. Officers are also reminded that there is a process in place to redact and restrict access to portions of any BWV recording that captures sensitive/personal information (i.e. an officer in a restroom or locker room).

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



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