

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

NOTICE

1.11

October 19, 2018

TO: All Office of Operations Personnel

FROM: Director, Office of Operations

SUBJECT: ACTIVATION OF BODY WORN VIDEO DURING BUREAU OF
SANITATION CLEANUP OPERATIONS - REMINDER

Department personnel are often assigned to provide assistance during street and sidewalk cleaning and enforcement operations by the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS). These operations involve Rapid Response efforts to remove obstructions to public rights-of-way and cleanup efforts as part of Operation Healthy Streets, and Clean Streets Los Angeles.

During the cleanup operations, BOS personnel may be exercising their lawful enforcement authorities to seize items and personal property while uniformed Department personnel, equipped with body worn video (BWV) cameras, are assisting by ensuring a safe environment and addressing any criminal investigative or enforcement issues.

Department personnel are reminded that Manual Section 3/579.15 requires officers to activate their BWV prior to the initiation of any investigative or enforcement activity involving a member of the public. BWV activation is also required during:

“[o]ther investigative or enforcement activities where, in the officer's judgment, a video recording would assist in the investigation or prosecution of a crime or when a recording of an encounter would assist in documenting the incident for later investigation or review.”

When Department personnel are assisting BOS in their enforcement and cleanup activities, the circumstances may require direct contact with members of the public or assistance for BOS involving members of the public. In addition, using BWV to record the operation will assist in documenting the incident in the event of a citizen's complaint against an officer or the City of Los Angeles, or as evidence other types of investigations. *Accordingly, Department personnel are reminded to activate their BWV prior to and during cleanup and enforcement operations by BOS.*

All Office of Operations Personnel

Page 2

1.11

Should you have questions, please contact the Department Homeless Coordinator,
Office of Operations, at (213) 486-6050.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Arcos".

ROBERT N. ARCOS, Assistant Chief
Director, Office of Operations

DISTRIBUTION "A"