

COUNTER-TERRORISM AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

NOTICE

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TO: All Metropolitan Division Personnel

FROM: Commanding Officer, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau

SUBJECT: DEPLOYMENT AND USE OF THE BODY WORN VIDEO FOR METROPOLITAN DIVISION

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

PURPOSE

This Notice establishes Divisional protocol for the use of Body Worn Video (BWV) equipment utilized by all personnel assigned to Metropolitan Division. Body Worn Video plays a significant role in the facilitation of thorough incident reporting, the fostering of public trust, officer safety and training, and evidentiary support for criminal prosecutions.

The BWV program provides Department personnel with a tool and educational feedback resource to help them be more effective as our commitment to continuous improvement remains a key Department Core Value.

PROCEDURES

The Office of Special Operations (OSO) Notice, dated February 9, 2018, directs all OSO personnel to adhere to the deployment directives and operation of Body Worn Video (BWV) equipment, including Special Order No. 12, dated April 28, 2015, "Body Worn Video Procedures – Established." All officers assigned to Metropolitan Division shall be guided by these existing policies and protocols.

Given the unique missions and methods of deployment for each entity within Metropolitan Division, this notice is necessary to provide all Metropolitan Division personnel with additional guidance on required BWV procedures:

- Officers shall activate BWV when operating a vehicle Code-3 while in pursuit or responding to a call for back-up, assistance, or help. However, routine Code-3 response to a SWAT or K-9 call-up will not require activation of BWV.

- Off duty and on call officers are expected to respond to emergencies or tactical situations without delay. When an officer's BWV device is docked at the station or otherwise not in their possession, officers shall respond directly to the scene when called and begin operations without the BWV device. As soon as practicable, a supervisor shall retrieve and deliver the BWV devices to the deployed officers.
- Given the fact that most officers do not start and/or end their shifts at Metropolitan Division's station facility, supervisors shall, at the end of their assigned watches, collect the BWV devices for all personnel assigned to their squads and deliver the devices to Metropolitan Division and dock them. Similarly, at start of watch, a supervisor shall retrieve all docked BWV devices from the station and deliver them to the location(s) of all deployed units assigned to them for that shift. All officers, at the end of their shifts, shall document on the last line of their Daily Field Activities Report (DFAR) who collected the BWV equipment from them for docking and uploading.
- To ensure tactics, techniques, and procedures for high value protectees are not compromised, officers engaged in a United States Secret Service and/or Department of State protection detail(s) shall not activate the BWV device.

Tactical operations involving SWAT are unique and present circumstances that can endure over extended periods of time. These unique circumstances include discussions specific to strategies and tactics that can bring events to a peaceful conclusion. If these strategies and tactics are disclosed in a public forum, they can be circumvented in future operations and put officers at risk. For these reasons, SWAT personnel shall adhere to the following when responding to a tactical SWAT incident:

- Command Post discussions related to specific tactics and strategies to be used during an incident generally should not be recorded on BWV.
- Discussions among team members during an incident regarding the placement of a specific less-lethal device (i.e.; shockwave, SAGE, 40MM, flash bangs, etc.) should not be recorded on BWV.
- Discussions among team members related to tactics, strategies, and their sequence of implementation should not be recorded on BWV.
- Crisis negotiation discussions with the subject of the call, family members, or others assisting in the resolution of the incident should not be recorded on BWV.
- Discussions on sniper positions, tactics and strategies used to conceal operators, or the specific use of armored rescue vehicles to conceal and protect operators, should not be recorded on BWV.

- Discussions on breaching tactics and the placement of breaching devices should not be recorded on BWV.

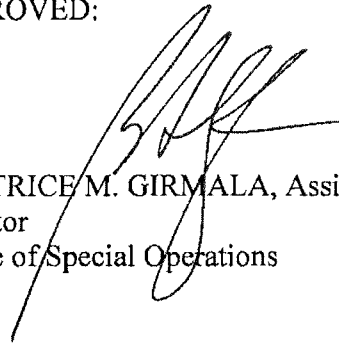
NOTE: While each of the above situations should generally not be recorded, the SWAT Officer-in-Charge, Metropolitan Division Commanding Officer, or a CTSOB staff officer may direct that recording occur in any instance where deemed necessary for documentary purposes.

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