

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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TO: All Department Personnel

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: BODY-WORN VIDEO DEVICE PRE-ACTIVATION BUFFER; REQUIREMENT TO LEAVE DEVICE POWERED ON – REMINDER

The purpose of this Notice is to remind personnel about procedures related to Body Worn Video (BWV) activations, including maintaining a pre-activation buffer, 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 equipped with BWV shall have the camera powered on (in buffer mode) and ready to activate at all times while deployed to the field. Officers shall also have the BWV camera 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 facility, including:

- While assigned to the front desk;
- While escorting, transferring, or booking arrestees;
- While entering or leaving Department facilities; or,
- While in other areas or circumstances where it is likely to require an investigative or enforcement activity with a member of the public where activation is required under Department policy.

Officers are authorized to power down a BWV camera, which deactivates the pre-activation buffer, in the following locations and circumstances:

1. While in Department roll-call rooms, locker rooms, restrooms, or similar areas where recording is prohibited under Department Manual Sections 3/579.15; or,
2. While in Department facilities and not engaged in an enforcement or investigative activity with a member of the public.

Officers shall request clarification from a supervisor in any circumstance where this policy is unclear:

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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