

RECOMMENDATION SUBMISSION AND RESPONSE FORM

2019 BWC #2

DISCUSSED BY SCPRC	
RECEIVED BY SPD	12/31/2019
RETURNED TO SCPRC	10/09/2023

APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED		PENDING FURTHER REVIEW	
APPROVED AND PENDING	X	SPD UNABLE TO IMPLEMENT	
PARTIAL IMPLEMENTATION		DENIED	

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION

GO 525.07 Body Worn Camera

SPD does not have a reporting requirement when an officer goes into the field without a body worn camera.
Amend GO 525.07(D)(4): Add the following language:

4. Only a watch commander or higher can authorize an employee to go in service without a BWC due to an equipment shortage or malfunction. This authorization if granted shall be documented.

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION RATIONALE

SPD's GO 525.07 states that: "Only a watch commander or higher can authorize an employee to go in service without a BWC due to an equipment shortage or malfunction." According to SPD, this should be a rare occurrence. However, when this does happen creating a reporting requirement would be prudent. Therefore, the Commission recommends creating a reporting requirement for instances when this occurs.

SPD RESPONSE

As of 08/09/2023, a revision of In-Car Cameras (SPD GO 525.03) and Body-Worn Camera (525.07) are combined into one general order, "In-Car and Body-Worn Cameras" (525.03).

The draft states, "Only a watch commander or higher can authorize peace officers or CSOs to go in service or remain in service without a BWC due to an equipment shortage or malfunction. This authorization shall be documented in CAD by adding remarks during login or through a miscellaneous comment indicating who approved the authorization."

Even still, each patrol station is equipped with replacement BWC devices for issuance if cameras are malfunctioning, damaged, lost, or unavailable. The draft policy requires employees to notify a supervisor, receive a replacement, and notify the Sustainment Team (responsible for BWC training, issuance, and tracking).

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS

N/A

APPENDIX

N/A