

# RECOMMENDATION SUBMISSION AND RESPONSE FORM

2019 BWC #3

DISCUSSED BY SPCRC		APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED		PENDING FURTHER REVIEW	
RECEIVED BY SPD	12/31/2019	APPROVED AND PENDING	X	SPD UNABLE TO IMPLEMENT	
RETURNED TO SPCRC	10/09/2023	PARTIAL IMPLEMENTATION		DENIED	

## SCPRC RECOMMENDATION

GO 525.07 Body Worn Camera

SPD policy uses terms or language such as "private citizens" that is exclusionary for certain members of the public.

Amend GO 525.07(E)(5): Replace the term "private citizens" or "citizens" with "members of the public" and add the following language under (E)(5):

5. Employees are not required to give notice they are recording when speaking with members of the public during the course and scope of their official duties, even when the contact occurs in a private residence. If asked, employees shall advise members of the public they are being recorded. Moreover, employees should strongly consider advising members of the public that they are being recorded as a tool to de-escalate a situation, maintain transparency, and build trust.

## SCPRC RECOMMENDATION RATIONALE

Changing the words from "private citizens" to "members of the public" is more ... Additionally, while the body worn camera program can be a tool to de-escalate a situation, it is also a tool to maintain transparency and to build community trust.

## 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).

References to any "citizen" have been removed and replaced with "members of the public." It should be noted that all policies under revision have also removed "citizen" and replaced with "members of the public."

## OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS

N/A

## APPENDIX

N/A