

RECOMMENDATION SUBMISSION AND RESPONSE FORM

2019 UOF #18

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

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION

GO 580.13 Foot Pursuit

SPD policy is outdated. SPD does not require activating a body worn camera use before initiating a foot pursuit.

Amend GO 580.13(D): Require that an SPD officer initiating a foot pursuit to always, unless physically unable, activate their body worn camera. If physically unable, an officer must activate their body worn camera as soon as physically able and follow policy.

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION RATIONALE

The purpose of requiring body worn cameras is to ensure transparency and accountability of law enforcement officers, and therefore should be on at all times with minimal exceptions.

SPD RESPONSE

SPD agrees in concept to these recommendations. However, no change has been made to the policy because the existing policy language is more specific than these proposed recommendations.

The policy requires officers to activate their camera as soon as is practical. Additionally, the policy provides guidance that if is not feasible due to risk to the safety of the employee or others, the employee should activate the BWC as soon as it is safe to do so.

SPD policy requires documentation if a BWC is not activated. Also, there are replacement devices available at each station, therefore, officers are not placed into service without a functioning body-worn camera.

SPD policy currently requires officers to activate their body worn cameras during the entirety of dispatched calls for service, but is more specific in that it states, *“Employees shall activate their BWC during investigations and enforcement activity, including evidence collection, whether self-initiated or in response to a dispatched call.”*

The BWC and a patrol vehicle’s in-car camera (ICC) are automatically activated when a patrol vehicle’s overhead lights are activated. Additionally, officers are equipped with activation devices affixed to their holsters, which also, activate BWC and ICC devices within range.

The policy is specific regarding activation and deactivation of the cameras.

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS

City Council Meeting on 06/1/2021, City Council Policy, Police Use of Force

- [2:30PM City Council \(Special Meeting\) \(granicus.com\)](#)
- [Microsoft Word - 04022013 Agenda \(granicus.com\)](#)

APPENDIX

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