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Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board

From: Abingdon Police Department

RE: In-car Camera Grant

In accordance with the reporting section of the Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act (50 ILCS 707/15,20, Abingdon Police Department respectfully submits the following report as required.

In June 2019 Abingdon Police Department received an award notice under this grant for three (3) In-car Camera Systems. These systems were installed in our three primary patrol vehicles by the beginning of September 2019.

Supervisors within the department (Police Chief, Lieutenant, & Patrol Sergeant) currently review footage recorded on these systems when an issue is brought to the attention of these supervisors regarding an officer or incident that occurred that may require further investigation, when an officer completes a written request for footage to be downloaded and stored in a case which may be useful in obtaining a conviction in a case, and when the States Attorney request footage or a subpoena is issued for footage.

Attached is a spreadsheet detailing several cases over the reporting year.

In conclusion, the camera system that was purchased works, however, we are not entirely satisfied with its performance as it relates to automatic downloads of the car video. Currently, if we need to pull video from the cars, we have to remove the SD card and download the video from the card. The system, when purchased, was supposed to automatically download the cars video when it got in range of the network. The company was of little help in resolving these issues; blaming a Windows update and then COVID 19. Currently this issue remains unresolved.

If you have further questions or require further information, please feel free to reach out to us.

Respectfully,

Paul Cates – Abingdon Police Chief