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Re: Evergreen Park Police Department 2023 Body Worn Camera Report

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find the Evergreen Park Police Department's completed 2023 Body Worn Camera Report.

This Report includes responses to the ILETSB's inquiries regarding the "the number of officers utilizing officer-worn body cameras, number of officer-worn body cameras utilized by the law enforcement agency, any technical issues with the equipment and how those issues were remedied, a brief description of the review process used by supervisors within the law enforcement agency and any other information relevant to the administration of the program".

It is to be noted that the Evergreen Park Police Department has not received funds from the ILETSB camera grant program.

Sincerely,

Administrative Service Officer

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cc: M. D. Saunders, Chief

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## **ILETSB 2023 Evergreen Park Police Department Body Worn Camera Report**

- Number of officers using body worn cameras: There are 60 full time sworn police officers, five part time sworn police officers, 3 Code Enforcement Officers and one Community Service Officer. Two of these full time sworn police officers are deployed on a full time status, one to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and one to the Drug Enforcement Agency. Of these remaining 58 full time sworn police officers, five part time sworn police officers, 3 Code Enforcement Officers and one Community Service Officer each are assigned body worn cameras. The Chief of Police and one Deputy Chief are not assigned body cameras. If circumstances require, executives may use spare body camera units set aside for this purpose.
- Number of officer-worn body cameras utilized by the Department: Sixty seven body cameras were used by the Department, not including replacement cameras.
- Technical issues with the equipment and how those issues were remedied: Throughout 2023 there were 16 occasions where the EPPD experienced equipment malfunctions requiring body worn camera equipment replacement. On each of those occasions the equipment, camera heads and/or DVR units, were replaced under warrantee and placed back into service. During the interim spare body camera systems were utilized by the officers. In other cases of equipment problems the assigned Administrative Service Officer diagnosed and resolved the technical problems without having to exchange equipment with the manufacturer.
- Description of the body camera usage review process used by supervisors: Police supervisors are required to perform body camera recording reviews of their reports once every 60 days and share the results of their observations with the officers.
   Accompanying that activity a 60 day review confirmation report form for each reporting officer is to be completed and submitted to the Administrative Service Officer. A summary of this ongoing report system is supplied to all supervisors in an ongoing basis. The 60 day review confirmation forms are compiled and maintained by the Administrative Service Officer.