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Body Worn Camera Report 2023

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Crestwood Police Department consists of thirty-four (34) sworn officers who utilize twenty-five (25) body worn cameras. The department implemented the program on July 13th, 2023. Sworn officers included for body worn camera use are, eighteen (18) full-time officers and sixteen (16) part-time officers.

Technical Issues: The Crestwood Police Department experienced very few technical issues that were corrected immediately by Axon, with only a learning curve as the officers learned the procedures and the BWC Act. We have addressed an initial problem with battery life not lasting for our twelve (12) hour shifts by supplying charging cables in each patrol vehicle.

Review Process: The Crestwood Police Department utilizes a program titled Body Worn Camera Audits through Frontline, to review body worn camera footage of officers and supervisors, ensuring their proper use and performance. Each month, the number of videos created for each police officer is entered into Frontline Quality Assurance Evaluation. Frontline shuffles the videos, randomly selects a video, and then a Supervisor views the video in its entirety, to ensure that each officer is following our policy. Our policy requires each supervisor to randomly select two (2) videos per officer on a monthly basis. The supervisor one rank above the rank of the officer creating the video is responsible for these reviews. Any deficiencies in how the camera is utilized, worn, and functions is documented and then an email is directed to the officer or supervisor for correction. A command staff officer reviews and evaluates all Supervisors.

Supervisors do not review recordings to search for violations of policy or law not related to a specific complaint or incident. Supervisors may, per policy, review BWC footage for the following: formal or informal complaint, or an encounter could result in a complaint, use of force encounters, as corroboration of evidence of misconduct, or viewed to correct substandard performance or highlight commendatory performance.

Respectfully,

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