



Date: November 4, 2016

To: Patrick H. West, City Manager

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From: Robert G. Luna, Chief of Police

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For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: DEPLOYMENT OF BODY-WORN CAMERA PILOT PROGRAM

This memorandum is to provide you with an update on the implementation and deployment of the Long Beach Police Department's Body-Worn Camera Pilot Program (Program), specifically as it relates to employee recording guidelines, processing of video evidence, and processing Public Records Act requests.

On Saturday, November 5, 2016, the Long Beach Police Department will begin its deployment of the Program. The 12-month Program represents the Department's efforts to enhance effectiveness by ensuring accountability and strengthening community trust.

Department guidelines dictate employees should activate body-worn cameras prior to citizen contacts, when circumstances permit it; however, officer safety will take precedence over the recording of events.

Evidence captured through the use of a body-worn cameras shall be maintained in a digital evidence management system. It will be processed and preserved in accordance with the law and Department policy. The release of body-worn camera video will remain consistent with current Department policy governing the release of information to the public and media. Public Records Act requests for body-worn camera video not exempt from disclosure will be made available in accordance with California Government Code, Section 6250-6276.48.

If you have any questions, please contact me or my Chief of Staff, Commander Wally Hebeish, at (562) 570-7301.

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