



VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BODY CAMERA TRAINING

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TODAYS SCHEDULE



- REVIEW OF BODY WORN CAMERA POLICY
- DISCUSSION OF USE OF FORCE AND DOCUMENTATION
- ISSUE OF NEW BODY CAMERAS WITH MOUNT
- OVERVIEW OF BWC, MOUNT, AND DOCKING STATION
- MOBILE DEVICE PAIRING, LIVE STREAMING
- EVIDENCE SYNC
- EVIDENCE.COM
- BREAKS EVERY HOUR

BWC TRAINING

- WE BEGAN FIELD TESTING THE BWC IN 02/2015 WITH DEPARTMENT WIDE DEPLOYMENT IN 08/2016.
- THE TIME LAG IN BETWEEN THESE DATES WAS DUE TO PROPOSED LEGISLATURE (AB66) THAT COULD HAVE PREVENTED US FROM VIEWING OUR VIDEOS PRIOR TO WRITING OUR REPORTS.
- THE SHERIFF WAS ADAMANT THAT DEPUTIES WOULD BE ALLOWED TO REVIEW THEIR FOOTAGE PRIOR TO COMPLETING REPORTS.
- IT IS IMPERATIVE TO REVIEW YOUR BWC FOOTAGE AND YOUR PARTNER'S PRIOR TO WRITING YOUR REPORT. ESPECIALLY WHEN A USE OF FORCE IS INVOLVED.
- WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO VIEW OUR OWN VIDEOS. HOWEVER, WE ALL HAVE THE ABILITY TO "SHARE" OUR VIDEOS WITH EACH OTHER. SHARING A VIDEO WILL GIVE YOUR PARTNER ACCESS TO VIEW THE VIDEO.

BWC TRAINING

- THE INTENTION OF THESE DEVICES ARE TO PROTECT US AND THE DEPARTMENT.
- ALL TOO OFTEN ONLY THE END RESULT OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTACT IS CAPTURED ON VIDEO AND SHOWN ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR THE NEWS.
- USING THE BWC WE WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO CAPTURE AN EVENT IN ITS ENTIRETY.
- SUPERVISORS WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO REVIEW VIDEO FOOTAGE FROM A CITIZEN COMPLAINT AND SQUASH IT BEFORE IT GOES TO I.A.

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CITIZEN COMPLAINT

DESCRIPTION OF COMPLAINT:

"OFFICER DID NOT GREET ME WITH IN A KIND AND COURTEOUS MANNER. I WAS APOLOGETIC AND UNDERSTOOD I WAS IN THE WRONG. THROUGHOUT THE TRANSACTION HE SPOKE IN A SARCASTIC, BELITTLING, SHORT, RUDE, AND SNIDE TONE OF VOICE. I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE OFFICER RECEIVES TRAINING IN CUSTOMER SERVICE SKILLS.

THROUGHOUT MY LIFE I HAVE NOT HAD ANYTHING BUT THE UTMOST RESPECT FOR PEACE OFFICERS I HAVE MET AND INTERACTED WITH. THIS INTERACTION LEFT ME SHAKEN AND MISTRUSTING OF POLICEMEN AS I FELT HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF ME BY ACTING LIKE A BULLY AND BEING DEMEANING."

THIS COMPLAINT WAS UNFOUNDED.

SUICIDAL SUBJECT



BWC TRAINING

- THE BWC FOOTAGE CAN PROTECT YOU AGAINST ANY CIVIL LITIGATION OR COMPLAINT THAT YOU WERE ACTING OUTSIDE OF POLICY OR THE LAW.
- IN THIS DAY AND AGE WHERE SUICIDE BY COP IS BECOMING MORE PREVALENT, BWC FOOTAGE CAN NOT ONLY SHOW HOW STRESSFUL AND RAPID THESE SITUATIONS UNFOLD, BUT SHOW THAT YOU DID EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO DE-ESCALATE OR PREVENT THE SITUATION.

BWC TRAINING

- WHEN POWERED ON, YOUR BWC WILL BE IN "BUFFERING MODE." THIS MEANS IT IS CAPTURING 30 SECONDS OF VIDEO ONLY; NOT AUDIO. IT IS CONTINUALLY CAPTURING THESE 30 SECONDS OF VIDEO AND DROPPING OFF THE 31ST SECOND.
- ONCE YOU PRESS THE "EVENT" BUTTON, YOU WILL BEGIN RECORDING AUDIO AND VIDEO WITH THE 30 SECOND BUFFER ATTACHED TO THE BEGINNING OF THE VIDEO. AGAIN, THE FIRST 30 SECONDS OF YOUR VIDEO WILL BE VIDEO ONLY WITH NO SOUND.
- YOUR BWC SHOULD BE POWERED ON AND IN BUFFERING MODE WHEN YOU ARE IN THE FIELD.
- ABSENT OFFICER / PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS, ANY INCIDENT WHERE ENFORCEMENT ACTION IS LIKELY TO BE TAKEN, THE BWC SHOULD BE ACTIVATED.

BWC TRAINING

- WHEN YOU BEGIN RECORDING AN EVENT, YOU WILL HEAR AUDIBLE BEEPS, FEEL VIBRATION FROM THE BWC, AND SEE THE FLASHING GREEN LIGHT CHANGE TO FLASHING RED.
- THE BWC WILL GIVE AUDIBLE BEEPS AND VIBRATIONS EVERY TWO MINUTES WHILE RECORDING AN EVENT.
- THE VIDEO QUALITY IS DESIGNED TO BE COMPARABLE TO THE HUMAN EYE: E.G. VIDEO QUALITY IN DARKNESS AND ADJUSTING FROM BRIGHT AREAS TO DARK AREAS.



**PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE
BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY**

8:00

BWC TRAINING

- THE BWC IS NOT INTENDED TO REPLACE GOOD QUALITY PHOTOGRAPHS.
- THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN USING THE BWC IS NOT APPROPRIATE OR NECESSARY. SO, YES, WE STILL NEED TO CARRY OUR AUDIO RECORDERS.
- THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX WHEN USING THE BWC. SITUATE THE MOUNT SO THE BWC CAN BE QUICKLY ATTACHED AND REATTACHED. THIS WILL ALLOW YOU TO POINT THE CAMERA IN A SPECIFIC DIRECTION. USE GOOD JUDGEMENT WITH THIS AND DO NOT FORGET OFFICER SAFETY.

RICK SHIMMEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, VCD SA

“THE IMPORTANCE OF REVIEWING YOUR VIDEO EVIDENCE BEFORE WRITING YOUR REPORTS OR GIVING STATEMENTS, ESPECIALLY IN ANY USE-OF-FORCE SCENARIO, CANNOT BE OVERSTATED. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REVIEW THE VIDEO EVIDENCE FIRST TO MINIMIZE OR ELIMINATE THE RISK OF INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN THE VIDEO AND YOUR WRITTEN OR ORAL RECOLLECTIONS.”

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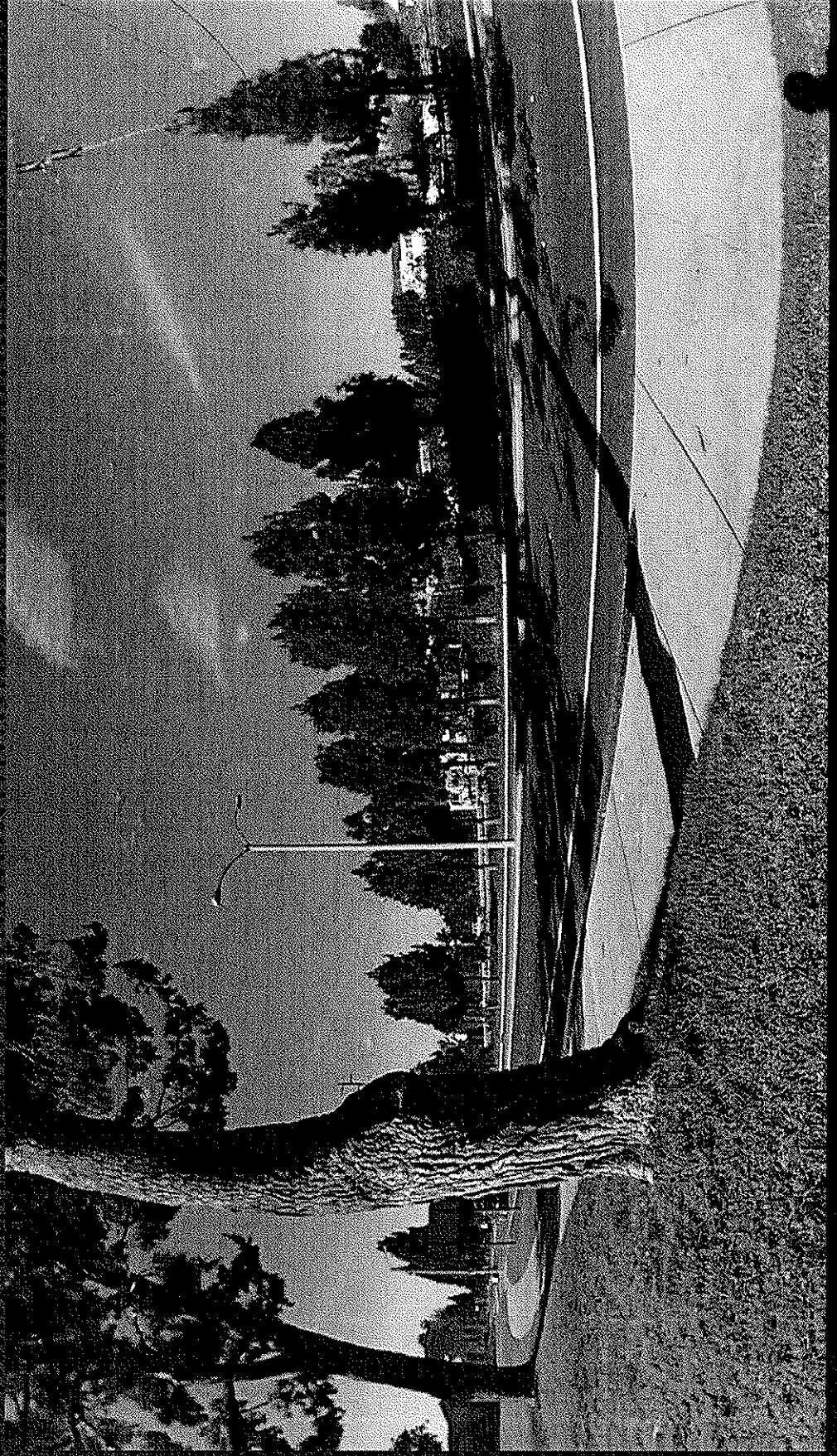


UOF REPORT DOCUMENTATION



- WATCH THE VIDEO BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR REPORT.
- IF MULTIPLE DEPUTIES RECORDED THE INCIDENT, ALL DEPUTIES SHOULD SHARE THE VIDEO WITH EACH OTHER.
- THE VIDEO WILL USUALLY REFRESH YOUR RECOLLECTION OF THE INCIDENT.
- IF YOUR JUSTIFICATION TO USE FORCE IS NOT SEEN ON THE VIDEO, OR THE VIDEO DIFFERS FROM YOUR PERCEPTION OF THE INCIDENT THAT JUSTIFIED YOUR UOF, THEN THIS MUST BE DISCUSSED AND DOCUMENTED IN THE REPORT.
- ALWAYS DOCUMENT THAT YOU REVIEWED THE VIDEO PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE REPORT.

USE OF FORCE - ANGLE 1



USE OF FORCE - ANGLE 2



**CLOSING VIDEO: SOMETIMES IT IS ALL YOU
CAN DO TO MAINTAIN YOUR COMPOSURE!**

