

Chief D. Ackermann

Subject: RE: Body Camera Questions

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Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 8:16 AM

To: Chief D. Ackermann <dackermann@glenrockpolice.com>

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Thank you Dean

-----Original Message-----

From: "Chief D. Ackermann" <dackermann@glenrockpolice.com>

Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 2:14am

To: "cimbruglia@wallingtonpd.org" <cimbruglia@wallingtonpd.org>

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Carmello,

Thank you for all of your efforts. This is my 38th year on the job – 35th in Glen Rock – and while I have seen some crazy times, we have certainly reached a new height! Yet somehow we always seem to come out OK on the other side.

Here are my revised questions:

1. When will we find out how much money the State will be providing for the purchase and operation of body cameras?
2. Will full funding be provided in time to place an order for body cameras before the June 1st deadline?
3. Am I going to be required to order equipment that I do not have funds to pay for or operate?
4. My governing body will not be able to provide funding for body cameras in 2021. What options do I have for 2021 and beyond if the state funds do not fully cover the purchase and operation of body cameras?
5. Given the requirements of the "State Mandate, State Pay" amendment to the New Jersey Constitution, can the AG or BCPO compel of local government to fund the purchase and operation of body cameras?
6. What responsibility does a Chief have if the State or Local Government does not provide adequate funding to purchase body cameras and implement the program by the June 1st deadline?
7. Most departments are not going to have sufficient asset forfeiture money to support the operation of body cameras for more than a short period. What other funding will be provided?

8. If a local department's I.T. system cannot support the operation of body cameras, what resources can the BCPO provide?
9. I am compelled to operate with a part-time Records Bureau, which is struggling to keep up with the increase in firearms applications alone. What resources will be provided to assist with the production of video footage for screening, discovery and OPRA requests?
10. What training resources will be provided for the implementation of a body camera program?
11. What training resources will be provided for officers in the use of body cameras?
12. Will this training be provided before June 1st?
13. Will this training be provided at the Police Academy – at minimum in the form of a “train-the-trainer” program?
14. If not, where do we locate qualified instructors and what training funds will be provided?

Below are some of the questions my governing body raised:

1. When and how will the tremendous OPRA and personal privacy implications be addressed?
2. How will the public be informed that news media and other citizens may have access to the videos of their interactions with the police?
3. What rights do a private citizen have to stop a video they are the subject of from being released?
4. How will we address a citizen's complaint over a video they are in being released – especially where it is being posted on social media?
5. What public outreach programs will be provided to inform citizens about the personal privacy implications of police body camera footage.

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Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 7:15 PM
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Subject: Body Camera Questions



Chiefs,

In an effort to answer questions we have about the new body camera mandate, Chief Anzilotti agreed to answer questions at the Active Chiefs meeting; on February 24th.

To help efficiently answer the questions, I am requesting that all inquiries be forwarded to me by the end of the day, on Tuesday,

February 16th. I will then forward questions to Chief Anzilotti; so that he can get the answers before the meeting.

Respectfully,

Chief Carmello J. Imbruglia
President
BCPCA

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