

CULVER CITY POLICE

TRAINING INFORMATION

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Policy 436 – Mobile and Body Audio Visual System

Introduction:

The purpose of this training memorandum is to reinforce and clarify Department Policy 436, Mobile and Body Audio Video System, with specific emphasis on Policy 436.8.1(e), regarding utilization or wearing of any personal recording devices while on duty. Strict adherence to this policy is mandatory for all Department personnel.

Policy Overview:

Policy 436.8.1(e), personnel shall only use Department-issued and approved MAV/BWC systems for all official duties. The use or wearing of any personal recording devices, such as Meta smart glasses, personal body cameras, or cell phone recording applications, is not authorized while on duty without prior approval from the Chief of Police.

This policy ensures proper evidence handling, data security, and compliance with Department standards. All personnel are expected to adhere strictly to this requirement.

Critical Emphasis, Policy 436.8.1(e):

Personnel shall only use the MAV and or BWC systems issued and approved by the Department for official police duties. The utilization and or wearing of any other personal video recorder while on duty is not authorized without permission of the Chief of Police.

In Conclusion:

The Department requires personnel to maintain professionalism, protect sensitive information, and comply with established standards when recording during official police duties, especially with the rise of wearable technologies such as Meta smart glasses.

Per Policy 436.8.1(e), only Department-issued and approved MAV/BWC systems may be used for official duties to ensure proper evidence handling and data security.

Thank you,



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arrive, or in other similar situations. Officers may choose to deactivate their MAV and utilize only their BWC after arriving at a priority call that will take them a significant distance from their vehicle.

436.8.1 PROCEDURES

- a. Unauthorized use, duplication, and/or distribution of MAV and or BWC files is prohibited. Personnel shall not make copies of any MAV or BWC file for their personal use and are prohibited from using a recording device such as a cellphone camera or secondary video camera to record MAV and or BWC files.
- b. The MAV and or BWC shall not be used to record non work related activity and shall not be activated in places where a reasonable expectation of privacy exists, such as locker rooms, dressing rooms, or restrooms.
- c. Employees should be aware of their surroundings when operating the BWC, such as in a hospital emergency room where privacy of patients should be considered when operating the BWC. Employees should consider deactivating their BWC when inside an emergency room and the situation does not require activation under this policy. Employees should also consider deactivating their MAV and or BWC when in the presence of emergency medical personnel who are treating patients at the scene of a medical emergency or inside an ambulance and the situation does not require activation under this policy.
- d. When utilizing the MAV and or BWC, employees shall be sensitive to the dignity of all individuals being recorded. Employees are to utilize sound judgment and exercise discretion when the respect for privacy indicates that discontinuing audio and video recording is prudent because it reasonably appears to the employee that such privacy may outweigh any legitimate law enforcement interest in the recording. Unless the circumstances no longer fit the criteria for recording under this policy, recording should resume when privacy is no longer at issue.
- e. Personnel shall only use the MAV and or BWC systems issued and approved by the Department for official police duties. The utilization and or wearing of any other personal video recorder while on duty is not authorized without permission of the Chief of Police.
- f. Personnel shall not remove, dismantle or tamper with any hardware and or software component or part of the MAV and or BWC.
- g. Employees shall cease video audio recording whenever necessary to ensure conversations are not recorded between a person in custody and the person's attorney, religious advisor or physician, unless there is explicit consent from all parties to the conversation (Penal Code § 636).
- h. Strip searches shall not be recorded; it shall be a violation of this policy to audio or video record any strip search.
- i. When it is reasonably safe to do so, employees should make every effort to cover nude subjects when utilizing the MAV or BWC.
- j. Requests by members of the public to stop recording should be considered using the activation criteria described in this policy. If the employee believes the contact remains consistent with the activation criteria, the employee shall continue to record the contact.
- k. At no time is an employee expected to jeopardize his or her safety in order to activate or deactivate their MAV and or BWC. However, the MAV and or BWC should be activated in situations described in this policy as soon as practical.