

CULVER CITY POLICE

TRAINING INFORMATION

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Update to Policy 436, Mobile and Audio Video System

Purpose:

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform all personnel of the recent amendments to Policy 436, which pertains to the Mobile and Body Audio Video System.

As a reminder, body worn cameras are to be mounted securely to the high center chest area of the uniform.

Background:

The Culver City Police Department has transitioned to utilizing Axon's "in-car" and "body-worn" cameras. Given Axon's enhanced features and capabilities, minor revisions have been made to the existing policy to align with these new operational tools.

Highlighted Changes:

436.4 EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Officers and employees who work uniformed assignments, in which the vehicle is a primary component of their duties, shall use vehicles equipped with MAV systems along with a BWC. All Officers and employees using vehicles equipped with MAV systems shall ensure they are accurately logged into the corresponding software. Employees assigned to uniform field assignments in which a vehicle is not a primary component of their duties (i.e. foot beat, bike patrol, motorcycle patrol, detectives involved in enforcement activity and or warrant service, etc.) shall wear and utilize a BWC.

All sworn patrol, traffic and detective personnel will be issued a BWC. It is the employee's responsibility to ensure that the BWC is synced to their name and connected to both the MAV and Taser systems.

At the start of each shift, employees shall test the MAV and BWC systems to ensure that they are synchronized, capturing both audio and video data, and functioning in accordance with

department operating procedures, training, and manufacturer specifications covering the following matters:

- a. BWC
 1. Adequate power source
 2. Synchronized with the MAV and recording equipment (if applicable)
 3. Remote activation of MAV system via BWC
 4. Camera is mounted securely to the high center chest area of the uniform
- b. MAV
 1. Windshield and camera lens are free of debris
 2. Camera facing intended direction
 3. System plays back both audio and video tracks

If a MAV or BWC system is malfunctioning, employees shall take the vehicle or BWC out of service and complete the appropriate repair request. In the event of a vehicle shortage, vehicles with an inoperable MAV system may remain in service with the approval of a supervisor. Uniformed employees driving vehicles with an inoperable MAV system who are assigned to a duty that may require enforcement activity are required to utilize a BWC.

Employees are also responsible for ensuring that each MAV and BWC recording is classified properly at the conclusion of an incident in which the MAV and/or BWC are utilized. This is addressed further below. At the conclusion of each shift, employees are responsible for ensuring that their assigned BWC has uploaded the captured video footage by placing the BWC in the appropriate docking/charging station or ensuring that the footage has been uploaded via the cellular device function.

436.5 ACTIVATION OF THE MAV AND BWC

The MAV and BWC system is designed to activate under the following conditions:

- a. When turned on manually
- b. Whenever the unit's emergency lights are activated (if driving a vehicle)
- c. If the vehicle travels in speeds in excess of 75 mph
- d. When an Officer activates their Taser device

436.10 SUPERVISOR USE OF LIVE FEED FEATURE

The BWC and MAV systems have the capability of allowing for live, real-time viewing of the BWC, in-car audio, and video feed, which can be accessed by certain computer terminals throughout the Culver City Police Department.

Unless prior notice is given to the officers (see below), the live feed feature shall only be utilized by supervisors (sergeants or above) during emergency field operations. No prior notice need be given to officers before accessing the live feed feature in an emergency situation. Examples of acceptable emergency situations include but are not limited to:

- a. Vehicle pursuits
- b. Foot pursuits
- c. Officer involved shootings
- d. Officer requesting emergency assistance
- e. Felony or high-risk traffic stops
- f. Officer involved traffic accidents
- g. Officer unaccounted for and not answering the radio (after all other resources have been exhausted, ie. phone call)


436.14 CLASSIFICATION OF RECORDINGS

As stated above in this policy, employees shall classify each recording at the conclusion of an incident in which the MAV and or BWC is utilized. Employees should use the classification that best fits the incident in which the MAV and or BWC was utilized. "Retain" is the system's default classification setting. Below is a list of available classifications:

- 1. **"Retain"**- All calls for service, enforcement stops, arrest situations, transportation, search warrants, etc.
- 2. **"System Test"**- Only used after testing the working condition of the MAV and BWC.
- 3. **"PSU Indefinite"** - Retains footage indefinitely.
- 4. **"False Signal"** - Only used after false activation from Signal device(s)

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