

Argo Police Department Axon camera policy

PURPOSE

This policy establishes the Argo Police Department operational and submission guidelines for the "On-Officer" Body Camera (OBC)

DEFINITIONS

On-Officer Body Camera

- The OBC is an audio/video recording system worn and used by officers to document police related activities
- Taser Axon is the only approved On Body camera (OBC) system used for evidence by the Argo Police Department.
- **ATC:** Axon Tactical Computer. Mounted on a belt, holster or concealed on the officer's uniform.
 - **ETM:** Evidence Transfer Manager. Docking station that uploads data and recharges the ATC.

Operation Mode Definitions

- **Normal (Buffering) Mode:** The on-officer body camera continuously loops video recording for up to 30 seconds before recording is started by officer. Records video only (no audio) while buffering.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Operational Guidelines

- The OBC camera will be assigned and maintained by the individual officer.
- Officers will inspect the OBC for any physical damage and ensure the device is in working order at the beginning of the shift.
- Officers will make every effort to place the OBC in record mode as soon as practical during a given situation.
- OBC recordings will be used for official Department purposes only.
 - All OBC recordings shall be retained and considered evidence
 - At the end of the shift officers shall place the Axon Tactical Computer (ATM) into the evidence transfer manager (ETM)
 - Do not remove ATC from ETM until green light is constant.
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Use Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Officers will make every effort to activate the OBC to record the following event(s), if practical:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traffic Stops• Any time an officer feels it is appropriate to record.• The on-officer body camera will not be activated to record conversation(s) of fellow employees with or without their knowledge during routine, non-enforcement related activities• Members will advise other Department members and/or other criminal justice personnel (prosecutors, judges, or other law enforcement personnel) when an on-officer body camera is recording.• The OBC will not be activated in places where a reasonable expectation of privacy exists, such as dressing rooms or restrooms.• Members accessing, copying or releasing of OBC recordings for other than official law enforcement purposes are prohibited and subject to progressive discipline.
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