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Dear Community Partners,

The Saint Paul Police Department is proud to continue its mission of being transparent by sharing our quarterly BWC reports publicly via our website. We have received feedback from the community about how we can more clearly report our success. We plan to implement these suggestions and make changes. The reports will be more concise and deliver the information that is important to you, the community. Look for these changes when we release the first quarter report for 2019.

The women and men of your police department have worked hard during 2018. Compliance with the BWC policy is increasing and it is important to our Department. That is why we are continuing to monitor its use on a daily, weekly and quarterly basis. We have added an additional officer to the BWC review committee, increasing the number of randomly selected videos that are reviewed each month. We are also working with a local auditing firm to provide an in-depth Body Worn Camera audit, which will also meet the requirements set forth by the Minnesota State Legislature. We look forward to providing you with the results of that audit by the end of 2019.

2018 by the numbers:

Total Videos:	402,259
Total Hours of Video:	82,325

Thank you for the great feedback on our BWC program. We look forward to continuing to meet your expectations and providing you with data that is the most relevant.

Respectfully,

Todd Axtell  
CHIEF OF POLICE

## BWC REPORT | 2018 Q4

The Saint Paul Police Department is committed to delivering trusted service with respect—every day, without exception. This report compiled quarterly is another way we show accountability to our community.

Trust is the foundation on which our department is built, and an unwavering commitment to transparency is one of the most important ways we build trust with our community.

To ensure that we are following our Body Worn Camera Policy, the department has established our own Quality Control Processes. These processes are a deliberate and detailed quality review of policy adherence conducted by supervisors, the Response to Resistance and Aggression review committee, a technical audit by our technology unit and twice monthly our Body Worn Camera Review Committee conducts an in-depth review of randomly selected videos.

The Body Worn Camera Review Committee and members of our Technology Unit review videos as an ongoing process to ensure that cameras are being used properly and videos are being disseminated to the public in accordance with state law and department policy.

The Body Worn Camera Review Committee also reviews 24 randomly selected videos each month. All body worn camera videos captured by sworn employees, regardless of rank or assignment, are subject to this review. Beginning in December 2018, a new member was added to the committee, increasing the number of videos reviewed per month from 24 to 28.

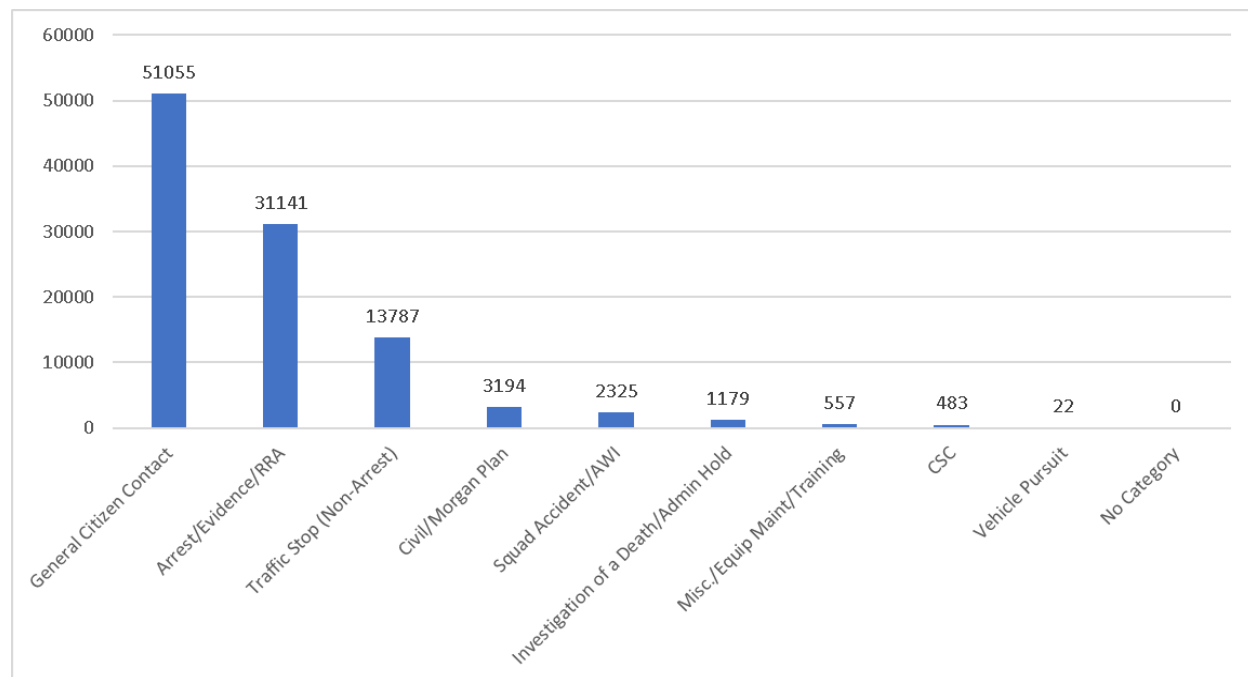
The Technology Unit is responsible for ensuring that the Body Worn Camera Program is operating within policy and statutory requirements, with a specific focus on making sure videos are being recorded, saved, categorized, retained, accessed, managed and deleted properly.

The following is the Body Worn Camera Report for the fourth quarter of 2018:

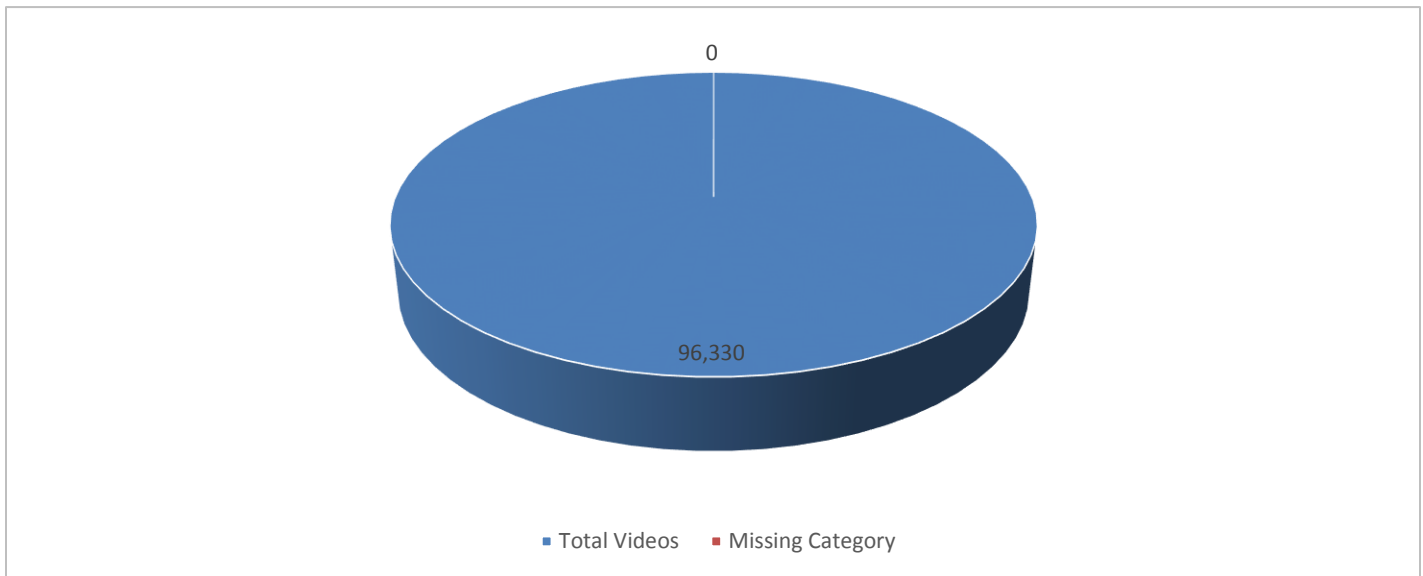
- Total videos during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter: 96,330
- Total hours recorded: 18,991.22

### Below is a breakdown of the categorization of Videos:

\* Note: some videos have more than 1 category (used to identify the type of video captured)



**Categorized Videos during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter: 100 percent of 96,330 videos \***



\* Note: This means that all 96,330 videos have a category assigned to them. Further random reviews are conducted by the technology unit and the BWC Committee to identify accurate categorization of videos as per policy.

**BWC Videos created by Division and Unit**

Operations Division	
Unit Name	# of Videos
CANINE	2307
CENTRAL CODE ENFORCEMENT	43
CENTRAL DISTRICT	20576
CENTRAL INVESTIGATIONS	3
CITY WIDE MOTORS	836
CITY WIDE TRAFFIC	1520
CITY-WIDE SERVICES	3
DOWNTOWN BEAT	4659
EAST CODE ENFORCEMENT	206
EAST INVESTIGATIONS	44
EASTERN DISTRICT	27876
FORCE	1512
MOUNTED POLICE	127
OPERS ADMIN	101
SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT	36
STATION CMMNDR	6
TRAFF ACC	671
WEST CODE ENFORCEMENT	10
WEST INVESTIGATIONS	39
WESTERN DISTRICT	28825

Major Crimes Division	
Unit Name	# of Videos
ARSON	15
AUTO THEFT	29
BURGLARY	21
CAPERS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	149
CAPERS-SEX CRIMES	58
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	333
CRIMES AGAINST ELDERS	10
FAMILY & SEXUAL VIOLENCE	3
FRAUD/FORGERY	2
GANG UNIT	1518
HOMICIDE/ROBBERY	47
HUMAN TRAFF-VICE	14
MIN CRIMES AGAINST CHILDRE	14
NARCOTICS	211
PROPERTY CRIMES UNIT	2
S.I.U.	127
SAFE STREETS	57
YSS-JUVENILE	568

Support Services Division	
Unit Name	# of Videos
BACKGROUNDS	387
EAP	5
FLEET	1
FORENSIC SERVICES UNIT	37
MENTAL HEALTH UNIT	294
PROPERTY ROOM	1
SUP SERV ADMIN	1
TARGET RANGE	45
TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	270
TRAINING	10
VIDEO MANAGEMENT	672

Chief's Office	
Unit Name	# of Videos
CHIEF'S OFFICE	638
INSPECTION	265
LOANED EXEC	58

## Body Worn Camera Quality Control Review Information

The Body Worn Camera Review Committee audited a total of 76 randomly selected videos during the fourth quarter of 2018. The charts below show the rank and assignment of the employees whose videos were reviewed.

Employee Rank		
Officer	51	67.11%
Sergeant	18	23.68%
Commander	4	5.26%
Sr. Commander	3	3.95%

Employee Division		
Chief's Office	1	1.32%
Operations	62	81.58%
Major Crimes	12	15.79%
Support Services	1	1.32%

There were 76 videos selected for audit. Those 76 videos were created by 72 individual employees. Of these 72 employees, four had two videos selected.

Video Category *		
General Citizen Contact	18	21.18%
Arrest/Evidence/RRA	19	23.35%
Traffic Stop (Non-Arrest)	11	12.94%
Squad Accident/AWI	6	7.06%
Misc./Equip Maint./Training	5	5.88%
Civil/Morgan Plan	6	7.06%
Investigation of a Death/Admin Hold	7	8.24%
Vehicle Pursuit	6	7.06%
CSC	7	5.88%

*\* Some videos have more than 1 category*

## Policy Compliance Audit

Of the 76 videos audited for this quarter, 65 were found to have no corrective action needed. Seven resulted in supervisory coaching. Four reviews showed potential policy violations such as missing the 30-second buffer and not recording prior to arrival. These resulted in memos being written to the Assistant Chief explaining the potential violations for further follow-up to be completed by the employee's chain of command.

Review Committee Recommendation Summary *		
1 - No Action Needed	65	85.53%
2 - Positive Training Video	0	0.00%
3 - Kudos (recognition)	0	0.00%
4 - Add to Training Curriculum	0	0.00%
5 - General Roll Call Training Request	0	0.00%
6 - Supervisory Coaching	7	9.21%
7 - Memo to Assistant Chief	4	5.26%
8 - Memo to IAU	0	0.00%

*\* Some videos have more than 1 recommendation*

BWC Quality Control Work Sheet Data Points			
	Yes	No	N/A
Owner is correct	76	0	0
Case Number correct	74	2	0
Category correct/appropriate	75	1	0
Uploaded within policy	75	1	0
Activated prior to arrival (dispatched calls)	63	2	11
Buffer = 30 Seconds (or proper exception)	73	2	1
BWC header and proper narrative exist	16	3	57
Recording ended appropriately	75	1	0
Reviewed audit log for video	76	0	0
If viewed, were post notes added?	0	4	72

### Audit of Mandatory Recordings

In addition to the videos reviewed by the Body Worn Camera Review Committee, a Technology Unit Sergeant conducted compliance checks of all case numbers related to traffic stops, burglary calls, and traffic crashes, all of which require mandatory recording.

- Mandatory Recordings for **Burglary Calls**:
  - o 403 instances where officers were dispatched to a burglary call
  - o There were three instances where video would normally have been recorded but may not have been. These instances were referred to the unit commanders for follow-up investigation and to determine what corrective action may be needed.
  
- Mandatory Recordings for **Traffic Crashes**:
  - o 4,427 instances where officers were dispatched to a traffic crash
  - o There were 75 instances where video would normally have been recorded but may not have been. These instances were referred to the unit commanders for follow-up investigation and to determine what corrective action may be needed.
  
- Mandatory Recordings for **Traffic Stops**:
  - o 11,119 instances where officers conducted a traffic stop
  - o There were 29 instances where video would normally have been recorded but may not have been. These instances were referred to the unit commanders for follow-up investigation and to determine what corrective action may be needed.

As mentioned in the third quarter report, the outcome of the mandatory recording audits are as follows: 4 have resulted in supervisory counselling. There are still 15 additional open administrative reviews from the third quarter.

## **Equipment Failure**

The Saint Paul Police Department tracks all instances of body worn camera equipment failure.

Between October 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018 there were 30 instances of equipment failure noted by police officers. Equipment failures ranged from batteries not charging properly to defective cameras. In all instances, the cameras were repaired or returned to the manufacturer for service or replacement.