

Decision Sheet

City of Eugene
Body-Worn Cameras Subcommittee
Of
Ad Hoc Committee on Police Policy
Meeting # 1 on February 22, 2021

In Attendance

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Decisions

BWC-100

Motion regarding confiscating cell phones: Ban police officers from taking cell phones or other recording devices without a person's consent or warrant and give people the right to sue police departments if they take or destroy these devices.

YES 5, NO 0, APPROVED BY SUBCOMMITTEE

BWC-101

Motion regarding storage of video footage: Require body and dash cam footage to be stored externally (not directly under the control of the police department) and ensure district attorneys and civilian oversight structures have direct access to the footage.

YES 6, NO 0, APPROVED BY SUBCOMMITTEE

BWC-102

Motion regarding Freedom of Information Act requests: Require police departments, whenever they want to deny a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for body or dash cam footage, to prove in court that the footage constitutes a legitimate FOIA exemption

YES 6, NO 0, APPROVED BY SUBCOMMITTEE

BWC-103

Motion regarding video footage and public record: Recommend that the City of Eugene press the state legislature/legislators to make all body cam and dash cam video public record.

YES 6, NO 0, APPROVED BY SUBCOMMITTEE

BWC-104

Motion regarding viewing of video footage: Incidents involving use of force or police brutality, officers should be prevented from reviewing footage of an incident before completing initial reports, statements or interviews about an incident. If the City wants the officers to have the ability to view the video footage, suspects that suffer police brutality or use of force should also have access to the video footage before they complete their report.

YES 6, NO 0, APPROVED BY SUBCOMMITTEE

BWC-105

Motion regarding discipline: Include a disciplinary matrix clearly defining consequences for officers who fail to adhere to the agency's body camera policy.

YES 6, NO 0, APPROVED BY SUBCOMMITTEE

BWC-106

Motion regarding muting of body-worn cameras: Muting microphones should be prohibited, and audio will be redacted/edited if needed at the stored facility (CRB/PA). Officers who mute microphones will get appropriate training or disciplinary action according to the disciplinary matrix.

YES 6, NO 0, APPROVED BY SUBCOMMITTEE

Ran out of time to address these policy recommendations from Campaign Zero and 21st Century Policing:

- Notify subjects in minor crimes/stops that they have the option to remain anonymous and stop recording/storing footage if they choose this option
- Allow civilians to review footage of themselves or their relatives and request this be released to the public and stored for at least two years