

BWC REPORT | 2018 Q1

The Saint Paul Police Department is committed to delivering trusted service with respect—every day, without exception.

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. In January 2018, all of our police officers were equipped with body worn cameras, which are an incredibly important tool in our efforts to hold ourselves to the highest standards of accountability and pull back the curtains on how and why officers do their jobs.

To ensure that we are following our Body Worn Camera Policy, the department established a Quality Control Process, which describes two types of deliberate and detailed quality reviews that the department will conduct on a quarterly basis.

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 disseminated to the public in accordance with state law and department policy.

The Body Worn Camera Review Committee Reviews 24 randomly selected videos each month. All body worn camera videos captured by sworn employees, regardless of rank or assigned division, are subject to review.

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.

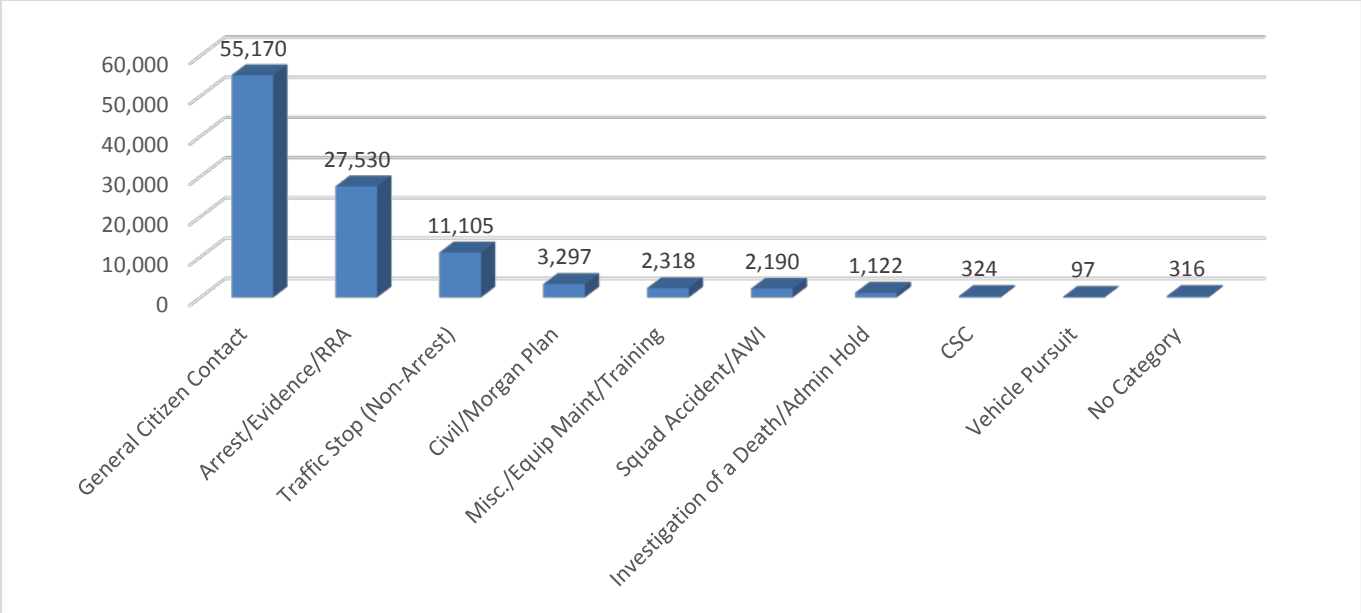
The following is the Body Worn Camera Report for the first quarter of 2018:

Total Videos: 87, 544

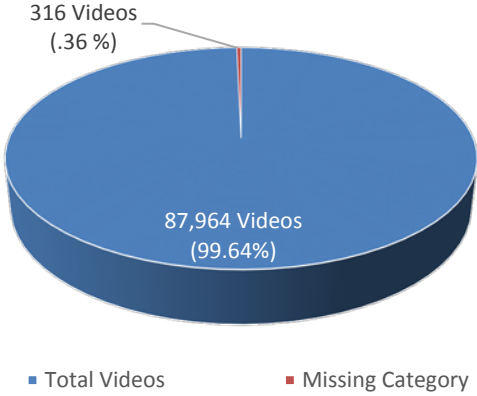
Total Hours Recorded: 19,781.43

Categorization of Videos:

* Note: some videos have more than 1 category



Videos Properly Categorized: 99.64 percent of 87,544 videos



Videos by Division and Unit

Operations Division	
Unit Name	# of Videos
ACOP	1110
CANINE	2011
CENTRAL CODE ENFORCEMENT	71
CENTRAL DISTRICT	18019
CITY WIDE MOTORS	590
CITY WIDE TRAFFIC	1307
CITY-WIDE SERVICES	4
DOWNTOWN BEAT	4527
EAST CODE ENFORCEMENT	93
EAST INVESTIGATIONS	57
EASTERN DISTRICT	28544
FORCE	1206
MOUNTED POLICE	330
OPERS ADMIN	7
SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT	35
TRAFF ACC	98
WEST CODE ENFORCEMENT	13
WEST INVESTIGATIONS	162
WESTERN DISTRICT	25524

Support Services Division	
Unit Name	# of Videos
EAP	8
FORENSIC SERVICES UNIT	25
MENTAL HEALTH UNIT	631
PROPERTY ROOM	4
TARGET RANGE	29
TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	82
TRAINING	124
VIDEO MANAGEMENT	88
CHIEF'S OFFICE	137
INSPECTION	21

Major Crimes Division	
Unit Name	# of Videos
AUTO THEFT	5
BURGLARY	45
CAPERS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	169
CAPERS-SEX CRIMES	38
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	10
CRIMES AGAINST ELDERLY	45
GANG UNIT	753
HOMICIDE/ROBBERY	52
HUMAN TRAFF-VICE	11
MAJOR CRIMES ADMIN	2
MN CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN	18
NARCOTICS	466
PERMITS AND EVENTS	9
POR	196
PROPERTY CRIMES UNIT	59
S.I.U.	232
SAFE STREETS	9
YSS-JUVENILE	53
YSS-SCHOOL RESOURCE OFF	292

Chief's Office	
Unit Name	# of Videos
CHIEF'S OFFICE	137
INSPECTION	21
INTERNAL AFFAIRS	9

Body Worn Camera Quality Control Review Information

The Body Worn Camera Review Committee reviewed a total of 72 videos during the first quarter of 2018. The videos were recorded primarily by the rank of police officer, assigned to the Operations Division.

Employee Rank		
Officer	58	80.56%
Sergeant	10	13.89%
Commander	2	2.78%
Sr. Commander	2	2.78%

Employee Division		
Chief's Office	1	1.39%
Operations	66	91.67%
Major Crimes	3	4.17%
Support Services	2	2.78%

There were 72 videos selected for review that were created by 64 individual employees. Of these 64 employees, six had two videos selected and one had three videos selected. All of the employees with more than one video selected were police officers and assigned to patrol in the Operations Division. Given the nature of the duties of police officers in the Operations Division, it is this group of employees that generate the highest volume of BWC videos.

Video Category *		
General Citizen Contact	25	34.72%
Arrest/Evidence/RRA	23	31.94%
Traffic Stop (Non-Arrest)	10	13.89%
Civil/Morgan Plan	6	8.33%
CSC	6	8.33%
Squad Accident/AWI	6	8.33%
Vehicle Pursuit	6	8.33%
Investigation of a Death/Admin Hold	5	6.94%
Misc./Equip Maint./Training	5	6.94%

** Some videos have more than 1 category*

Policy Compliance

The overwhelming majority of videos reviewed were 100 percent compliant with the BWC policy. There were 61 that required no action to be taken. There were 10 that had very minor policy violations such as incorrect case numbers (usually a typo), an incorrect or missing category, not having a 30 second buffer, or missing the proper BWC header in a police RMS report (stating that BWC exists). These resulted in general roll call training and adding specific training reminders to the department-wide in-service training. There was one violation that required a supervisory coaching session.

Review Committee Recommendation Summary *		
1 - No Action Needed	61	84.72%
2 - Positive Training Video	0	0.00%
3 - Kudos (recognition)	0	0.00%
4 - Add to Training Curriculum	8	11.11%
5 - General Roll Call Training Request	3	4.17%
6 – Supervisory Coaching	1	1.39%
7 - Memo to Assistant Chief	0	0.00%
8 - Memo to IAU	0	0.00%

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Data Points			
	Yes	No	N/A
Owner is correct	72	0	0
Case Number correct	68	4	0
Category correct/appropriate	71	1	0
Uploaded within policy	72	0	0
Activated prior to arrival (dispatched calls)	63	7	2
Buffer = 30 Seconds (or proper exception)	69	3	0
RMS Report Exists	30	42	0
BWC header and proper narrative exist	24	2	46
Arrest Made	10	62	0
Recording ended appropriately	72	0	0
Mute during any portion	1	71	0
Mute, correctly documented	1	0	71
Reviewed audit log for video	66	6	0
If viewed, were post notes added?	2	1	69

Mandatory Recordings

In addition to the videos reviewed by the Body Worn Camera Review Committee, the Technology Unit sergeant conducted compliance checks of randomly selected body worn camera videos related to traffic stops and burglary calls, both of which require mandatory recording.

Traffic Stop Videos

There were 361 case numbers and 583 instances where BWC was expected. The Technology Unit identified 22 instances where there was missing BWC video:

- 9 videos were not categorized correctly because of the CAD/RMS integration
- 7 videos involved typos in the case numbers
- 2 videos were recorded for cases that were not traffic stops and did not require video
- 2 times the body worn camera failed to operate properly
- 1 time the BWC had not been synced and the video was not uploaded at the time of the query.

This process has continued since this time. The results of the compliance checking have shown a 99.37% compliance rate with BWC mandatory traffic stop recordings. There was one week that resulted in a 100 percent compliance rate.

Burglary Calls

The Technology Unit reviewed 38 burglary case numbers that should have generated 71 body worn camera videos, and the review revealed that officers activated their cameras 100 percent of the time.

Equipment Failure

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

Between January 1, 2018 and March 31, 2018 there were 23 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 returned to the manufacturer for service or replacement.

Supervisory Reviews

In addition to the videos reviewed through the department's Quality Control Process, another 2,477 videos were reviewed by supervisors and investigators as part of their day-to-day duties.

Supervisors and investigators are required to note and report any policy violations they identify related to body worn camera use so issues can be addressed.