

## BGPD Body Worn Camera Follow-Up

**Objective, Scope and Methodology:** The objective of this follow-up report was to determine if City Management implemented the recommendations made in an earlier report, BGPD Body Worn Camera Audit (Project# 2021-06, finalized on March 30, 2021).

**Prior Recommendations:** Officers should be required to upload and tag according to policy. Management should review the body camera portion of BGPD policy and update to remove old terminology and to ensure that procedures match requirements within the policy.

Management should also work with the City's Information Technology Department to enhance reporting capabilities to improve supervisory review and monitoring of videos. Cleanup of any remaining videos should be included in the separation and retirement planning for any officers leaving the department.

**Status: Partially Implemented** This BGPD policy pertaining to body worn cameras was last updated in January 2020, prior to the original audit. "Officers will make every reasonable attempt to download video and audio files before the end of each shift." However, in practice the expectation is within a week and that standard was analyzed. There was a significant improvement to over 90% uploaded within seven days.

### Calendar Year 2024 Body Worn Recordings

| Days to Upload                | No. of Videos | 2024 % | Original Audit |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------|----------------|
| Within 7 Days                 | 105,272       | 90.51% | 77.68%         |
| 8-14 Days                     | 5,714         | 4.91%  | 11.26%         |
| 15-30 Days                    | 2,811         | 2.42%  | 7.92%          |
| 31-60 Days                    | 1,345         | 1.16%  | 2.45%          |
| 61-90 Days                    | 445           | 0.38%  | 0.24%          |
| Over 90 Days                  | 726           | 0.62%  | 0.44%          |
| 116,313 Total 2024 Recordings |               |        |                |

The number of unassigned videos also dropped significantly from 12,477 in the original audit, to 4,451 total with 2,635 awaiting categorization by the applicable officer and 1,816 listed as unassigned. This is a 64% reduction from the original audit, but still needs to be monitored by management. Four of the 105 officers with uncategorized videos are no longer employed by the City of Bowling Green, and two promoted into managerial roles which moved them out of patrol operations. The most recent system upgrades provide an option to categorize calls and improve their ability to quickly add report numbers. Reporting limitations impact ability to document supervisory review, but multiple procedures embedded within their operations trigger video reviews such as monthly review for probationary officers, major incidents, Criminal Investigation Division case reviews, various open record requests, any citizen complaint, life saving actions, compliments, resisting arrests or investigations.