

**Post-Audit Review 20-04:
Chattanooga Police Department
Mobile Cameras**

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To: Mayor Tim Kelly
City Council Members

Subject: Post-Audit Review of CPD Mobile Cameras (Audit Report #20-04)

Dear Mayor Kelly and City Council Members:

Attached is a summary report on the status of recommendations from our 2021 Chattanooga Police Department (CPD) Mobile Cameras audit report. The purpose of this report is to confirm whether, and to what degree, the CPD has implemented the recommendations from the audit.

Our audit confirmed the CPD maintains sufficiently reliable and effective procedures for the use and deployment of mobile cameras. However, we identified instances where procedures were not consistently followed, and recommended additional safeguards to ensure mobile camera recordings are downloaded and classified in accordance with CPD policy. We also recommended the CPD adjust the retention schedule for mobile camera recordings. At the time of this Post-Audit Review, three (3) recommendations were not implemented, and one (1) recommendation was partially implemented. All recommendations not implemented or partially implemented are reported herein to the Audit Committee for follow-up, as appropriate.

Our Post-Audit Review consisted primarily of interviews with CPD personnel and examination of supporting documentation. The evidence we obtained provided a reasonable basis for our conclusions. However, the issues discussed in this report are not the result of an audit performed in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Had we performed such an audit, additional issues might have been reported.

Sincerely,

Stan Sewell, CPA, CGFM, CFE
City Auditor

Attachment

cc: Audit Committee Members
Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff
Ryan Ewalt, Chief Operating Officer
Julia Bursch, Deputy Chief Operating Officer
Eric Tucker, Interim Police Chief
Capt. Jerome Halbert, Community Services / Budget & Finance
Daniel Francis, Technical Services Commander
Jim Arnette, Tennessee Local Government Audit

RECOMMENDATIONS NOT IMPLEMENTED (3)

<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Actions Taken</i>
1. We recommended the CPD implement additional safeguards and controls to ensure officers download mobile camera recordings in a timely fashion in accordance with CPD policy.	The CPD will be implementing a new safeguard for mobile camera operation that will require officers and supervisors to certify on log reports completed at the end of every shift that all DRS recordings have been properly downloaded and classified.
2. We recommended the CPD implement additional safeguards and controls to ensure saved recordings are properly classified and assigned an incident number (unless classified as Non-Event) in accordance with policy.	See above.
3. We recommended the CPD develop a uniform template for supervisors to use in evaluating mobile camera recordings. The template should indicate whether the recordings were created, downloaded, classified, and stored in accordance with policy.	See above.

RECOMMENDATIONS PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED (1)

<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Actions Taken</i>
4. We recommended the CPD extend the current retention schedule for Non-Event recordings from zero (0) days to seven (7) days.	Currently, Non-event recordings are retained in the Axon system indefinitely. However, the CPD policy manual should be updated to reflect changes to the retention schedule for Non-event recordings.

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