Security Services
Body Camera System

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About our team

• We are a non-sworn security team
  – We don’t have powers of arrest
  – We don’t take people into custody
  – We don’t use force
  – We don’t document immigration status

• We perform a variety of security services
  – Incident reports
  – Medical response
  – Mental health response
  – Parking management
  – Transports
  – etc.

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## The System

### Why body cameras?
- Additional level of transparency
- Promotes accountability
- Generally growing expectation in society
- May help deescalate situations
- Training tool

### Counter considerations
- Privacy concerns
- Expense vs. return on investment
- Limitations of video
- Video is not a panacea
The system: What you’ll see...

- Our officers will wear a front facing video camera
- You should see a red light on the front when it is recording
- You can always ask whether you are being recorded
The system: How it works...

• The officer initiates recording by double pressing the large button on the front of the camera.
• The camera remains on during the duration of the contact.
• The officer shuts the camera off by long pressing the same button.
• Camera footage is automatically downloaded to a server when the camera is docked.
The system: When it is activated...

- During calls for service (including mental health calls)
- When investigating suspicious circumstances
- During searches
- During adversarial contacts
- When a community member requests the camera be turned on
- Other circumstances at the officers discretion
The system: When recording is not required

- General community contacts (unless the person requests it be turned on or the security officer decides to turn it on)
- Private conversations
- Medical emergencies
- Temporarily muting the camera microphone for a brief private conversation with other officers about the incident is permissible
FAQs

• Do you have a procedure for use of the body cameras?
  – Yes. The procedure was developed over 20 months through the SSAG and College leadership and is available on our website or upon request from Security Services

• Who can see the footage?
  – Security officers can see their own footage as an aid to help document an incident. Security officers don’t have access rights to other officers’ footage.
  – Security officers can view other officers’ footage as permitted by department leadership for training.

• Will you release footage to law enforcement?
  – We will use the same practices we use with our current video footage. We release footage to law enforcement, prosecutors, and courts as provided by law.

• What happens to unused video?
  – In line with our current video practices, footage more than 30 day old deletes off the system.

• What if there isn’t a recording?
  – The security officer will document the reason in an incident report.

• How is the body camera system funded?
  – The body camera system is funded through budget savings in the Security Services Department and the Business and Finance Division. No campus groups or organizations provided funding.