

HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Body Worn Camera Semi-Annual Report

October 1, 2019 – March 30, 2020



REPORTING & AUDIT PROCESS

In accordance with HPD General Order 400-28, Body Worn Cameras (BWC), the Office of Planning is charged with preparation of a Semi-Annual Report, aggregating actions and findings from reviews conducted by classified supervisors, Inspections Division, Independent Oversight Board (IPOB), and Office of Technology Services.

Independent Police Oversight Board

IPOB, an independent body made up of members selected by the Mayor and approved by the City Council, randomly selects 20 BWC videos from those recorded across HPD divisions within the reporting period.

IPOB members and the **Risk Management Division** independently analyze the videos to determine if possible violations of law or policy were observed, if there are training or policy recommendations warranted based on what was observed, or if further departmental review is needed.

Supervisory Audits

Monthly supervisory audits are completed for Patrol Regions 1, 2, and 3; Homeland Security; and Special Investigations Commands. Variables reported include the total number of events viewed, number of events within policy, number of commendations, number of events in which officers were counseled, number of events in which officers were assigned additional training, and the number of events referred to Internal Affairs Division (IAD) for additional review.

Office of Technology Services

The Office of Technology Services audits the technical, equipment-related aspects of the BWC program including video and audio quality, camera defects, and the Video Evidence Management System (VEMS).

VIDEOS



2,750
Cameras in Use



1.2 Mill
Videos Recorded



42% Evidentiary Videos
58% Non-evidentiary

ACTIVITY



18,248
Supervisory Audits



20
IPOB & Inspections Audits



98%
Compliance with HPD Policy

CAMERA MAINTENANCE



158
Reported Hardware Issues



1
Reported User Issues



41
Reported Battery Issues

41
Confirmed Failures