

HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Body Worn Camera Semi-Annual Report



April 1, 2021– September 30, 2021

REPORTING & AUDIT PROCESS

In accordance with HPD General Order 400-28, Body Worn Cameras (BWC), the Office of Planning & Data Governance is charged with preparation of a Semi-Annual Report, aggregating actions and findings from reviews conducted by classified supervisors, Risk Management 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 19 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



2,850
Cameras in Use



4.1 Mill
Total Videos Stored

1.3 Mill
Videos recorded in reported period



42%
Evidentiary Videos

58%
Non-evidentiary

ACTIVITY



19,107
Supervisory Audits



19
IPOB & Risk Management Audits



98%
Compliance with HPD Policy

CAMERA MAINTENANCE



81
Reported Hardware Issues



18
Reported User Issues



1
Reported Battery Issues

1
Confirmed Failures