



The Executive Summary should be interpreted within the context of the complete engagement report.

## BACKGROUND

The Aurora Police Department started its body-worn camera program in 2016. In 2020, Internal Audit completed an engagement on body-worn cameras (BWC.) In 2021, Aurora Police implemented a new BWC system, and in 2022 APD updated its BWC policy.

When appropriately used, body-worn cameras can contribute to the transparency that the public demands regarding encounters with law enforcement.

They can also protect officers by providing critical context leading to acts of force. However, their effectiveness can depend on how well the officers and the Department comply with laws, policies, and best practices related to their usage.

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## Body-Worn Camera Compliance Audit Part 1

### SCOPE

April 1, 2022 through July 30, 2022

### OBJECTIVE

Determine if Aurora Police complies with policies and regulations regarding body-worn camera use.

### CONCLUSIONS

Based on the results of our engagement procedures, we conclude that APD officers complied with some, but not all, policies. As a result, the Department needs additional controls to monitor compliance.

### KEY FINDINGS and RECOMMENDATIONS

APD complied or substantially complied with its policy around clear footage, access to videos, deactivation at the end of contact, uploading videos, and categorizing videos.

APD needs to improve its compliance with directives related to muting, activation of cameras, and the use of buffer mode. We recommend that APD complies with its directives.

Our review identified a need to establish a baseline percentage for calls for service to videos. Therefore, we recommend that APD establishes the baseline percentage and determines responsibility for monitoring and investigating deviations.

APD may need to update its policy to reflect current practices and ensure consistent use of body-worn cameras. We recommend that APD evaluates the current policy, including muting, activation, buffering, and non-owner video viewing and updates as needed.

To address concerns identified in the audit, we recommend that APD refresher training includes muting, use of buffer mode, and activation.

APD agreed with all recommendations.

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