RTIC - Camera Monitoring

1101.1 OUTSIDE SOURCE CAMERA MONITORING

All recordings and information gathered through the RTIC shall only be used for legitimate law enforcement purposes. Information shall not be sought, gathered, or retained through any other unlawful means or in violation of Department policy, City, State, or Federal laws. Video monitoring will be used only to monitor public areas and public activities where no legally protected reasonable expectation of privacy exists.

1101.1.1 VIDEO ARCHIVING

All video clips archived by the RTIC shall be retained in compliance with applicable laws and the City's established records retention schedule, particularly when designated as evidence. RTIC operators are responsible for reviewing and clipping relevant video footage whenever feasible, to support field personnel and ensure timely archival into the appropriate evidence systems. Distribution of video footage shall be limited to authorized field personnel and law enforcement agencies with a verified need-to-know, and must align with all relevant legal standards and Department policy.

1101.1.2 ONVIEWING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

When an RTIC operator observes suspicious activity through camera surveillance, they shall promptly notify dispatch using their assigned unit ID. The initial radio transmission must include the location, nature of the incident, observed behaviors, and any relevant suspect descriptions. If the operator is monitoring cameras in support of an active call for service, they shall clearly indicate that the information pertains to the ongoing incident. The operator shall continue to provide real-time intelligence updates to field personnel as appropriate.

Once officers arrive on scene, they are responsible for conducting a preliminary investigation and collecting additional facts or evidence. Based on their observations, in combination with the information provided by the RTIC operator, the officer will determine whether there is sufficient probable cause to initiate enforcement action. The RTIC operator who initiated the observation shall be documented as a witness in any associated reports, and officers must include all relevant intelligence from the RTIC operator in their documentation.

1101.2 MONITORING BODY WORN AND FLEET CAMERAS

RTIC operators may access the live stream of an officer's body worn camera as needed during the course of their duties. RTIC operators are expected to monitor, when possible, officer initiated stops on vehicles or subjects to access their body worn camera until backup arrives or the officer advises no further assistance is needed. RTIC operators should note any potential officer safety factors while accessing the body worn camera and notify dispatch and other field personnel as needed.

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