
	MESQUITE POLICE DEPARTMENT
	231.00 MOBILE VIDEO CAMERA SYSTEM
	Effective Date: August, 2011
	Approved: _____ <div style="text-align: center;">  Chief of Police </div>

- I. Purpose
The purpose of this directive is to establish guidelines for the proper use of the in-car video camera system and the procedures for retention and storage of the video and audio recordings.
- II. Policy
Mobile video/audio equipment is provided to accomplish several objectives. These objectives include, but are not limited to:
 - A. The enhancement of officer reporting, evidence collection, and court testimony through audio/video documentation of events, actions, conditions and statements made during arrests and critical incidents.
 - B. To assist in compliance with laws concerning racial profiling.
 - C. To protect officers from false claims of impropriety.
 - D. To improve officer training and evaluation.
- III. Procedures
 - A. Basic Operational Guidelines
 1. All officers will be trained in the care, usage, and operation of the video and audio equipment prior to their use of the equipment.
 2. Officers will operate and maintain the video and audio equipment in accordance with the training and the operations manual.
 3. Officers shall ensure that their mobile video system is functioning properly during their in-service vehicle inspection. Any malfunction shall be immediately reported to a supervisor.
 4. Officers shall ensure that they have sufficient battery power on their microphone to record audio throughout their shift.
 5. In compliance with Section 2.135 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, every traffic and pedestrian stop that is capable of being recorded will be recorded with the equipment.
 6. Vehicle pursuits, code II responses, and code III responses shall be recorded with the video/audio system.
 7. No officer shall intentionally fail to record or attempt to block or obscure any video or audio of any event that is required to be recorded by this order.
 - B. Video and Audio Marking
Officers shall properly mark their video and audio recording for evidentiary value as needed. i.e. chases, DWI, etc.

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