

Procedure**3.17****EFFECTIVE
DATE
4-21-17****Eugene
Police Department**

Video Monitoring and Recording Events**3.17.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

This procedure deals with the use of video monitoring and recording equipment to monitor and or record situations and events which may involve, or lead to the need for police action. Our intent for video monitoring an incident is to improve our decision making ability based on real time information. Our intent in video recording is to create a record of the event and the actions of the involved parties while minimizing the impact on the ability of the participants to exercise their rights.

3.17.2 USE OF VIDEO MONITORING EQUIPMENT

Video monitoring equipment may be used in order to provide police personnel who are not present (for example those who are at a command post) at an event, as described by 3.17.1, to have situational awareness through the use of real time information via live video stream. Non-recorded video monitoring requires no special authorization, and is encouraged in order to improve the decision making capability of police personnel.

3.17.3 USE OF VIDEO RECORDING EQUIPMENT

- a. Video recording equipment may be used to create a record of situations and events which involve, or may lead to, the need for police action. These recordings help to present evidence for criminal prosecution, to evaluate police performance, and to better respond to allegations of improper police actions and/or legal action taken against the department.
- b. Video recording by department personnel will be done in compliance with applicable laws and ordinances. Pursuant to ORS 181A.250, video recording shall not be done for the purpose of collecting or maintaining information about the political, religious, or social views, associations, or activities of any individual, group, association, organization, corporation, business or partnership unless such information directly relates to an investigation of criminal activities, and there are reasonable grounds to suspect the subject of the information is or may be involved in criminal conduct.
- c. Department video equipment may be used to document situations or events:
 1. To create a record of situations which involve, or may lead to, police action to enforce laws or maintain order.
 2. To document unlawful conduct.
 3. To record police actions and conduct.

- d. If the video recording equipment has the capability to do so, date/time stamps will be included with all video recordings.

3.17.4 HANDLING OF VIDEO RECORDINGS

All video recordings will be lodged at ECU.

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Chief of Police