

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

MANUAL

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ELECTRONIC RECORDINGS OF INTERVIEWS AND INTERROGATIONS

203.13 - 1 **POLICY**

Electronic recording provides persuasive documentary evidence and helps defend against civil litigation and allegations of misconduct by Department members. In addition, such recordings provide crucial evidence to DPD, prosecutors, and the courts to assist in ascertaining the truth. To maximize the effectiveness of electronic recording and the integrity of audio and/or video documentation, members assigned the use of recording devices shall adhere to the operational objectives and protocols outlined in this policy. Members shall be mindful that any electronic recording documented during an interview or interrogation is subject to be viewed by a large audience (i.e. juries, judges, prosecutors, court of appeals, the media, etc.).

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