



CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Detroit Police Department

Body Worn Camera & Conducted Energy Weapon Auditing

Board of Police Commissioners

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BODY WORN CAMERA POLICY

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It is the policy of the Detroit Police Department to increase member safety, protect the Department from unwarranted citizen complaints, and ensure exceptional police service by members of the Detroit Police Department by using BWC systems to securely record policing activities on video/audio media. The use of BWCs does not replace the requirement to provide thorough written documentation of an incident. All data, images, video and metadata captured, recorded or otherwise produced, is the property of the Detroit Police Department and is subject to state and local law and city policies regarding retention of record.



RECORDING THE SHIFT

Members shall activate their Body Worn Cameras to record all significant contacts with citizens which are or could be reasonably determined as pertinent regarding the performance of their official law enforcement duties (i.e. calls for service, vehicle stops, execution of search and/or arrest warrants, citizen encounters which necessitate police involvement).

Once a Body Worn Camera is activated, the device shall remain on until the event is completed in order to ensure the integrity of the recording.





THE AUDITING PROCESS

The Body Worn Camera Office of the Civil Rights Division selects a random date. The individual Commands are directed to submit their Daily Details and all members' Activity Logs for the specified date.

1. The Auditor reviews the provided Daily Details and the members' Activity Logs.
2. The members' on-line Watch Guard Evidence Library 4 event profile is reviewed for the selected date.
3. The profile is reviewed for a video introduction and BWC synchronization with the In-Car System.
4. The Auditor Selects an event from the members' Activity Log and compares it to their profile to ensure the citizen encounter was recorded in compliance with policy.



AUDIT RECORDING AND REPORTING

- The Auditor's findings are documented in a spreadsheet and the results are calculated through Excel. The overall findings are reported at CompStat.
- Individual Commands with members found not to be in compliance with the Department's Body Worn Camera Policy receive notification by way of a Corrective Action Notice (CAN).
- The Command is then responsible for providing a response regarding any subsequent investigation and action in the form of a Corrective Action Plan (CAP).



2021 BWC COMPLIANCE RATE

- **Event Captured Compliance**
 - **98.5%** overall compliance rate for 2021.
- **Introduction Compliance**
 - **97%** compliance rate for 2021.
- **Synchronization Compliance**
 - **99%** compliance rate for 2021.
- **Introduction and Synchronization Compliance**
 - **96.3%** compliance rate 2021.
- **16,560 events were reviewed for year 2021**



CONDUCTED ENERGY WEAPON POLICY

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1. The TASER X2 CEW is the only Department-approved CEW. No other CEW or comparable device may be carried while a member is on duty or working Secondary Employment. Only those members who have been trained may carry and use the TASER X2 CEW. Force used by members shall be in accordance with the DPD's use of force Policies.
2. All on-duty members shall be equipped with the Department approved CEW. Those members assigned to field assignments (e.g. investigations, patrol, etc.) shall carry the Department approved CEW at all times. Those members assigned to administrative duties (e.g. desk, records, etc.) must have the Department approved CEW available.
3. Subject to the objectively reasonable standard set forth in *Graham v. Connor* and discussed above, the Taser X2 CEW may be discharged against persons who are **actively resistant, actively aggressive, or self-destructive**.
4. Members shall target the lower center mass of the body on the front of the body and below the neckline of the back because clothing is usually tighter across the back. If the suspect is wearing loose or heavy clothing on the upper body, the legs may also be a target.



CONDUCTED ENERGY WEAPON DEFINITIONS

Beneficial Use: Un-holstering the CEW with the intent of discharging it, warning a subject of imminent CEW discharge against them, the utilization of warning arcs, and or acquiring a target with a CEW.

Discharge: The act of pulling the CEW trigger to discharge the probes or to utilize the drive-stun mode.



CEW AUDITING

All reports and notifications made necessary by the nature of Taser Deployment or Taser Discharge shall be completed immediately to document the actions by each individual officer.

The involved member's parent shift/command is responsible for reviewing all documents and available video of the incident.

To that end, the parent shift/command is responsible for completing a supervisory endorsement regarding preliminary findings on a CEW Tracking Form. This form is to be e-mailed directly to the Civil Rights Division as soon as possible following the incident.

The Civil Rights Division reviews the document for completeness and discrepancies before cataloging it in a Smartsheet for future referral.

The Performance & Compliance Office of the Civil Rights Division is the depository for all Use of Force Investigations completed at the Command level. Performance & Compliance audits to determine if Commands are ensuring that the required investigations are being completed in compliance with Department Policy, State and Constitutional Laws.

If exceptions to the Department Policy are found, Auditors communicate that to the individual Commands by way of a Corrective Action Notice (CAN). The Command is then responsible for a response regarding any subsequent investigation and action in the form of a Corrective Action Plan (CAP).

The Performance & Compliance Office of the Civil Rights Division provides a monthly Use of Force Audit to the Chief of Police as well as quarterly review statistics for the Board of Police Commissioners.





UPDATES IN CEW REPORTING

October 2021: CEW was added to the Use of Force or Detainee Injury Report (UF002), as an intermediate weapon category. This document is tracked in the Management Awareness System (MAS).

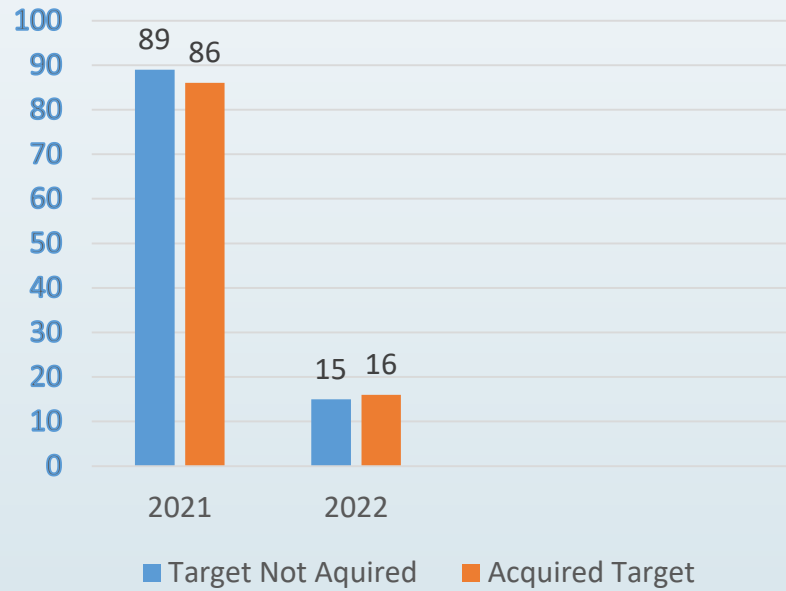
CEW Incident Types

- Discharge-took effect
- Discharge-did not take effect
- Discharge accidental
- Acquire a Target
- Un-holster - Target not acquired

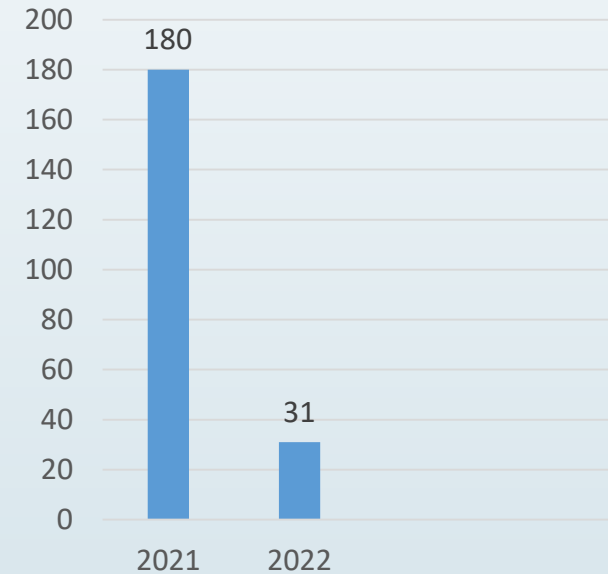


CEW STATISTICS

Beneficial Use



CEW Discharge



*2021 – 2 discharges for dangerous animal



2021 CEW 4TH QUARTER STATISTICS

2021 4th Quarter CEW Deployment

Acquired Target	29
Beneficial Use	25
Total	54

2021 4th Quarter CEW Discharge

Took Effect	27
Did Not Take Effect	23
Discharge Accidental	3
Total	53



CITIZEN COMPLAINT RECORDS (CCR)

- **2020**
9 Complaints with 2 Taser Findings
- **2021**
11 Complaints with 1 Taser Finding
- **2022**
1 Complaint with investigation pending

Of the three (3) findings, two (2) of the concerns were force and one (1) was procedure.

None of the concerns resulted in a “sustained” finding.

**Statistics provided by Office of the Chief Investigator, 3/18/2022.*



QUESTIONS?