

**SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT
ORDER**

DATE/TIME: SEPTEMBER 05, 2019 – 1000 HOURS

NUMBER: OR 19-22

SUBJECT: BODY WORN CAMERA RECORDINGS

COST CENTER: 1914131211

SCOPE: ALL SWORN MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE AFFECTED: D.P. 1.49, 3.02.

All digital recordings from Body Worn Cameras are deemed evidence and shall be handled according to Department Procedure 3.02 – Impound, Release, and Disposal of Property, Evidence, and Articles Missing Identification Marks, and Department Procedure 1.49 – Axon Body Worn Cameras.

When a recorded incident may be of value as a training aid for a broad section of the Department, the recording officer or that officer’s supervisor shall seek approval from their commanding officer to contact the Training Captain who will review the digital evidence to determine the value of the incident for training. If the Training Captain determines the incident would be an appropriate training aid, approval from the Department Legal Advisor and from the Assistant Chief of Training and Employee Development shall be obtained before such use.

Accessing, copying, forwarding or releasing any digital evidence for other than official law enforcement use is strictly prohibited. Digital evidence captured by BWC shall be treated as investigative records and handled pursuant to existing Department Policies and Procedures. Public release of digital evidence is prohibited unless approved by the Chief of Police or designee.

Please read at squad conferences and give a copy to all personnel.