

**SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT
ORDER**

DATE/TIME: September 15, 2020 – 1100 HOURS

NUMBER: OR 20-35

SUBJECT: BODY WORN CAMERA RECORDINGS FOR INVESTIGATIONS

COST CENTER: 1914131211

SCOPE: ALL SWORN MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE AFFECTED: D.P 1.49

Effective immediately, all investigative personnel are required to wear a Body Worn Camera (BWC) during the execution of any knock and talks, search warrants, probation/parole searches, consensual searches, and for any pre-planned arrest operations. The investigator shall start recording in the Event Mode prior to making contact at any location or with a suspect. The supervisor at the scene is encouraged to give a verbal reminder to all personnel to begin recording.

BWCs shall remain recording in the Event Mode during the clearing of any location where a search will take place and/or where a suspect may be found. No recording is necessary during the actual search of a location—only during the initial contact at the door/entry and the subsequent clearing of the location. The BWCs may be turned off when a supervisor determines the scene is secure and a suspect is compliant. The BWCs shall not be turned off by investigative personnel until directed to do so by the supervisor on scene. However, the BWCs may remain on at the supervisor’s discretion.

Acknowledging there are different roles in an operation, BWCs are only to be used for investigators whose role in the operation is to make entry and/or contact a suspect for an arrest.

D.P. 1.49 (AXON Body Worn Cameras) will be updated to reflect this change.

Investigative units should contact Operational Support if additional cameras are needed.

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