

# **Colorado Springs Police Department** Standard Operating Procedure

**DL-1903-02 Fleet Vehicle Cameras** 

Section 1900 – Operational Technology Systems

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### .01 Purpose

The purpose of this directive is to provide department personnel with instructions on when and how to use the department's fleet vehicle cameras.

### .02 Cross-Reference

GO 1903 Body Worn Camera & Digital Evidence GO 1300 Traffic Law Enforcement DL-1903-10 Release of Body-Worn Camera Footage

## .03 Definitions

*Fleet Vehicle Camera:* A department-issued camera system affixed to a department vehicle for the purpose of capturing digital multimedia evidence (DME). The department's chosen fleet vehicle camera system will be provided by the same vendor for the department's Body-Worn Camera (BWC) devices, for uniformity of use and discovery purposes.

### .04 Procedure

Unlike the department's use of BWC, the use of vehicle-mounted fleet vehicle cameras is limited. Given the similarities between BWC and fleet vehicle camera systems and the legal requirements associated with both, department members authorized to use a fleet vehicle camera will do so in accordance with the requirements outlined in <u>GO 1903 Body Worn Camera & Digital Evidence</u>.

#### Use of Department Issued Fleet Vehicle Camera

Officers will only use fleet vehicle camera systems issued by the department. Officers will not use any other fleet vehicle camera system in a department vehicle, including those personally owned.

#### **Required Use**

Department members will use the fleet vehicle camera system in the same circumstances outlined in <u>GO 1903 Body Worn Camera & Digital Evidence</u> as required by law. Personnel using a fleet vehicle system will ensure all fleet video is correctly categorized and marked with the applicable call/case number.

#### Exception

Department members are not required to leave the fleet vehicle camera system running during periods where the officer is out of the vehicle and no relevant information would likely be captured by the fleet vehicle camera system (e.g., officer inside a hospital, investigating a call for service in a home, etc.).

#### **Use and Required Training**

Department personnel will be trained in the use of the department's fleet vehicle camera system before operating a vehicle equipped with the system. Only those trained in the use of the fleet vehicle camera system are authorized to operate vehicles equipped with the system.