



# Policy Revision Request

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This revision applies to Existing Policy

If new, recommended section \_\_\_\_\_

This revision is necessary to comply with Best Practices

Whom does this revision affect? Department

This revision has an unbudgeted financial impact of \$ 0

## Brief reason for the revision:

According to the current policy, the 'respond' tab in Axon, which facilitates live-streaming from body cameras, is exclusively accessible to supervisors. This feature has been instrumental in numerous investigations conducted by the Homicide Unit, as it provides investigators with immediate access to crime scenes, visual evidence, and real-time updates from witness interviews. This innovative method has significantly bolstered the unit's investigative prowess, thereby increasing its case-solving efficiency. By implementing this proposed revision, the limited resources of Supervisors in investigative units could be better utilized, as Detectives would be empowered to perform this function for their respective cases.

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## 304 Livestreaming

### 304.1.1 SUPERVISORS AND DETECTIVES

Supervisors and detectives shall adhere to the following with respect to the livestream function:

- (a) The ability to livestream is available to supervisors that hold the rank of corporal or above and detectives.
- (b) Supervisors shall only use livestreaming when they have direct command and control authority over a call or incident.
- ~~(b)~~(c) Detectives shall only use livestreaming when they or the unit they are assigned to have investigative authority over the offense being investigated.
- ~~(e)~~(d) Livestreaming shall not be used as a means to covertly attempt to monitor an employee's activity.
- ~~(d)~~(e) Examples of when a supervisor or detective may livestream an event include, but are not limited to:
  1. To monitor a tactical situation or operation.
  2. To monitor a complex, rapidly evolving incident.
  3. Felony traffic stops.
  4. Officer in Need of Assistance (ONA). ~~and~~
  5. Upon the request of an employee ~~that is~~ actively involved in an event or incident.
  6. Any scene where an investigative unit is assigned where witness interviews or sharing live visuals of the scene would assist the investigation.

(e)(f) Before a supervisor or detective can activate livestreaming, or at the earliest opportunity and when safe to do so, they shall:

1. Notify the individual employee(s) that livestreaming will be or has been activated, or;
2. Make a general broadcast over the radio system that livestreaming will be activated for a particular incident; and,
3. Ensure that a comment is logged into the CAD call that livestreaming was utilized.

#### 304.1.2 COMMUNICATIONS

The Department recognizes that the Communications Team plays a vital role in the safety of the public, officer safety, and the overall resolution of incidents or calls for service. However, the ability to livestream Axon® devices is reserved for those supervisors or detectives that have direct command and control over an incident or call for service and the employees who are actively working the incident or call for service.

Dispatchers and communication supervisors have 'View Location' privileges and cannot livestream.