

Digital In-Car Camera's and
VIEVU Wearable Video Camera System

*Massanutten Police Department
Rights and Responsibilities Manual*

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POLICY

Police Officers of the Massanutten Police Department are often put in difficult and/or compromising situations. The MPD is always looking for ways to better protect itself, the Officers and the MPOA through the use of new technology and equipment. Digital in-car cameras and or other video systems such as the VIEVU Wearable Video Cameras have been obtained and are in use to help serve the MPD, it's Officers, the MPOA and the community.

This policy provides a reference source for the digital in-car cameras and the Viewu wearable video camera. It is intended to aid in the coordination of interdepartmental activity and provide a basis for uniformity.

This policy is designed to offer guidance in the form of set procedures in the operational and managerial functions.

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I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this general order is to establish guidelines and procedures that Massanutten Police Officers must follow while using the digital in-car camera systems and VIEVU Video Camera systems.

II. PROCEDURES-GENERAL:

A. General Patrol

1. If directed, the officers will while on patrol keep their digital in-car camera systems on and recording at all times.
2. Officers will always use their digital in-car camera system and the VIEVU system when conducting investigations and/or interviews with suspects, victims and etc unless there are legal exceptions.

B. General Operational Considerations

1. Officers will be vigilant in remembering to cut both of their camera systems on when in contact, interviewing, interrogating etc individuals.
2. Officers will be responsible for making sure the camera systems are working properly at the beginning and end of their respective shifts. If any problems are noted then the Officer(s) will report those problems to the Chief of Police or his designee in a timely manner and document the information.

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C. Non Use of Digital In-Car Camera System and or the VIEVU system

1. If any Officer during the course of duty has an incident arise and the digital in-car camera system and or the VIEVU camera system was working properly and was not utilized the Officer(s) may face disciplinary action by the Chief of Police.
2. The Officer(s) will in a timely fashion notify the Chief of Police or his designee of any digital in-car camera system and or the VIEVU system that was malfunctioning before, during or after any incident.
3. If any digital in-car camera system and or the VIEVU camera system was reported to be malfunctioning and it is found that the system was working properly but, was just not utilized the Officer(s) will face disciplinary action by the Chief of Police.