

# DGO 10.11 — Body Worn Cameras

## Specific Policy Comparison: **Current vs. Proposed**

### 1. Purpose (10.11.01) [Modified]

*Addition to purpose section*

Current (Rev. 09/03/25)	Proposed (Rev. MM/DD/26)
Public release goal appears only in section 10.11.12 (Administrative Information), separate from the purpose statement.	Public release goal moved into the Purpose section — the Department's commitment to releasing recordings is stated upfront as a core goal.

### 2. Definitions (10.11.02) [Modified]

*Simplified and updated definitions*

Current (Rev. 09/03/25)	Proposed (Rev. MM/DD/26)
6 defined terms: Buffering Mode, Off Position, Activate, Deactivate, Incident, and Member.	Reduced to 4 terms. 'Incident' and 'Member' removed. Remaining definitions updated to reflect device-specific language (e.g., Activate = 'double tapping the event button'; Deactivate = 'holding the event button until a single beep').

### 3. Member Responsibilities (10.11.04) [Modified]

*Airport Bureau added; EOD rule strengthened; Tech Division role relocated*

Current (Rev. 09/03/25)	Proposed (Rev. MM/DD/26)
BWC issued to all members. Front desk/station keeper duty addressed separately. Technology Division tracking mentioned in section 10.11.12.	Explicitly includes Airport Bureau. Technology Division tracking moved here. Command Staff may notify Technology Division directly. Front desk and station keeper callout removed as BWC may be deactivated in district stations unless a mandatory activation occurs.

*EOD exception strengthened*

Current (Rev. 09/03/25)	Proposed (Rev. MM/DD/26)
Exception: 'When engaged in Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) duties.'	Members responding to suspicious package/EOD 'shall power off and remove their BWC' for the entirety of the incident and secure in vehicle trunk per DGO 10.02.

*Training exception broadened*

Current (Rev. 09/03/25)	Proposed (Rev. MM/DD/26)
'When engaged in training conducted within the Training Division.'	'When engaged in training' — Training Division location requirement removed as training can be managed & facilitated outside of the Academy.

*Non-uniformed officers*

Current (Rev. 09/03/25)	Proposed (Rev. MM/DD/26)
References DGO 5.08 'Non-Uniformed Officers.'	References DGO 5.08 with updated title: 'Plainclothes, Non-Uniformed, and Undercover Officers.' This aligns with the 2026 version, which the Commission adopted in March.

**4. Activation Requirements (10.11.05 → 10.11.04) [Major Restructure]**

*Activation now in a table format with timing categories*

Current (Rev. 09/03/25)	Proposed (Rev. MM/DD/26)
15-item bulleted list. Activation must occur 'en route, prior to arriving on scene or immediately before making contact.'	Reorganized into a table with three timing categories: (1) 'Upon arriving on scene or upon making contact,' (2) 'Immediately before initiating or actively participating,' and (3) 'When a qualifying incident arises during an existing contact.' Clearer timing guidance per incident type.

*New scenarios added*

Current (Rev. 09/03/25)	Proposed (Rev. MM/DD/26)
No mention of autonomous vehicles. Parking citations activate when driver is not present.	Adds citations for driverless/Autonomous Vehicles (AV). Parking citations are now activated when driver is present.

*New scenarios added*

Current (Rev. 09/03/25)	Proposed (Rev. MM/DD/26)
No explicit Command Staff activation rule.	Adds 'Captain and Command Staff Activations' subsection.

*Delayed/missed activation documentation*

Current (Rev. 09/03/25)	Proposed (Rev. MM/DD/26)
Separate subsection (10.11.05 C) requiring members to 'articulate the reasoning' in a report, statement, or department-approved documentation.	Added a 'Deviations' section. Simplified to note in incident report, statement, or CAD.

### 5. Deactivation (10.11.06) [Modified]

*District stations added; corrections facility exception removed*

Current (Rev. 09/03/25)	Proposed (Rev. MM/DD/26)
May deactivate when on a static post not in contact with public. May deactivate during guard assignments at police, medical, psychiatric, jail or detention facilities.	Adds: may deactivate 'in district stations, unless a mandatory activation incident occurs.' Removes the specific exception for detention/jail facilities as this is clarified in the activation section.

*Sensitive tactical information rule simplified*

Current (Rev. 09/03/25)	Proposed (Rev. MM/DD/26)
Detailed list of qualifying Major/Critical Incidents (riot, explosion, active attacker, hostage, sniper, OIS, officer shot, child abduction). Ordering member must record resulting orders on BWC.	Simplified to 'during certain Major or Critical Incidents, when discussing sensitive tactical information away from members of the public' — no enumerated list, no requirement to record resulting orders in this section as Captains and Command Staff are not required to activate when giving commands.

*Privacy/dignity exception removed*

Current (Rev. 09/03/25)	Proposed (Rev. MM/DD/26)
Explicit deactivation option 'when respect for an individual's privacy or dignity outweighs the need to record' — e.g., natural death scenes, child or sexual assault victim interviews.	This exception is removed entirely. No equivalent language is retained in the proposed version.

### 6. Uploading & Documentation (10.11.08) [Modified]

*Upload exceptions expanded; auto-tagging introduced*

Current (Rev. 09/03/25)	Proposed (Rev. MM/DD/26)
Upload before end of shift. Outside assignment exception: next regularly assigned on-duty shift (unless use of force, arrest, or supervisor directive).	Upload before end of shift. Exceptions expanded to cover: members not returning to home station, take-home car members, and specialized unit members. Deadline: start of next scheduled shift.

*Auto-tagging system introduced*

Current (Rev. 09/03/25)	Proposed (Rev. MM/DD/26)
Members manually categorize and title videos with incident/CAD/citation number and brief description. Must be completed daily or by end of next shift.	Auto-tagging fills in CAD, case number, and retention period automatically. Members review for accuracy and correct when needed. Daily manual entry deadline removed because entry is no longer manual. Auto-tagging aligns with the upload process, and the upload process has a daily update schedule.

### 7. BWC Review (10.11.09) [Modified]

*Initial interview requirement simplified*

Current (Rev. 09/03/25)	Proposed (Rev. MM/DD/26)
Detailed subsections specify what the interview must cover: actions taken, use of force, perceptions (what member saw, heard, felt, believed) before/during/after. Member may view recording with 'their representative or attorney.'	Initial interview requirement retained but prescriptive content removed. No mention of representative or attorney presence during the interview as this is not specific to BWC viewing, but is specific to the interview process.

### 8. Ownership & Distribution (10.11.10) [Modified]

*Distribution prohibition simplified; internal sharing clarified*

Current (Rev. 09/03/25)	Proposed (Rev. MM/DD/26)
Prohibition on 'converting for personal use any information from Department video files or the confidential files of any other agency.' DPA role preserved by separate note.	'Converting for personal use' prohibition removed. Legal Division explicitly named as Chief's designee for DPA requests. Internal sharing carve-out explicitly includes other law enforcement agencies (BOLO, identification requests).

### 9. Supervisor Responsibilities (10.11.11) [Modified]

*Supervisory review scope and BWC seizure clarified*

Current (Rev. 09/03/25)	Proposed (Rev. MM/DD/26)
Supervisors may review for: administrative/criminal investigation, supervisory duties, training, professional conduct/performance evaluation. Seized BWC: investigative unit responsible for upload.	Review list shortened — professional conduct/performance evaluation removed as this falls under “performing supervisory duties” which is already included. Seizure trigger expanded to 'potential or confirmed' subject or witness. Upload duty of investigative unit now explicitly stated as 'not the duty of the supervisor.'

### 10. Retention (10.11.12) — Renamed from Administrative Info [Modified]

*Evidentiary retention reduced from 3 years to 2 years*

Current (Rev. 09/03/25)	Proposed (Rev. MM/DD/26)
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Retain for minimum 3 years if: use of force/OIS, detention/arrest, or formal/informal complaint.	Retain 'evidentiary' recordings for minimum 2 years to align with specified Penal Code for the same categories. Accidental recordings explicitly excluded from 60-day minimum.
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*RMO administrative details moved to unit order*

Current (Rev. 09/03/25)	Proposed (Rev. MM/DD/26)
Detailed RMO duties listed in DGO: granting server access, monitoring retention, PRA compliance, audits, maintaining access logs.	RMO duties removed from DGO and deferred to 'RMO Unit Order 26-XX.' (currently being drafted) DGO only states RMO is the program administrator.

**11. Airport Bureau (10.11.13) — New Section [New]**

Current (Rev. 09/03/25)	Proposed (Rev. MM/DD/26)
There is no Airport Bureau section in the current policy.	New section: Airport Bureau members comply with DGO 10.11. Chief's authorization for recording releases may be delegated through MOUs with Airport-related agencies. All Airport Bureau members (including temporary assignments) must review Airport Bureau Order 26-XX for facility-specific procedures.