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Chief Craig Meidl
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RE: R16-02 – Closed captioning for released body camera footage

Dear Chief Meidl,

For record keeping purposes of the Office of the Police Ombudsman ("OPO"), I am formalizing previous recommendations made informally in 2016. Please find a summary below of my recommendation on closed captioning, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), for released body camera footage.

Bruce Rafford, a concerned citizen and an Accessibility Specialist Citizen Advocate, stopped by the office in regard to body camera footage released to the public, primarily through public records requests. He suggested closed captioning be added to any release of video footage as an alternate format, in compliance with ADA guidelines. I understand this would take more time and resources to implement, but SPD would be taking a proactive stance on the matter. I recommend SPD include closed captioning or another ADA prescribed alternative in all body camera footage released to the public.

Sincerely,

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