



Jacksonville Sheriff's Office
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I. Purpose of the Policy

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) is committed to transparency and believes that through transparency, public trust is earned and retained. This commitment to transparency is exercised through the continuous sharing of information of concern to the public by JSO. This policy contains the standard materials JSO shall proactively release. The Sheriff or his designee(s) may proactively release other materials deemed necessary in the furtherance of the JSO's commitment to transparency and its continued efforts to properly inform the community.

II. Procedures

- A. JSO Open Data and Transparency Website (transparency.jaxsheriff.org)

The JSO maintains the "JSO Open Data and Transparency" website, through which the following information is released:

- a. Homicide statistics, year-to-date;
- b. Information sheets that highlight various statistics and figures often requested by members of the community (e.g., Pedestrian Safety summaries, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Grant Sheets, community surveys, Years in Review, etc.);
- c. Agency policies that are frequently requested and/or are related to popular topics;
- d. Open Data Reports, which provide annual overviews of data related Response to Resistance (RTR) incidents and employee investigations;
- e. Officer-Involved Shootings (OIS) data; and
- f. Other internal and external reports that provide insight and commentary on the performance of JSO.



B. Body-worn Camera (BWC) Footage of OIS Incidents

1. The JSO is committed to proactively releasing redacted BWC footage within 21 days of an incident, provided this release does not impact or impair the active criminal investigation.
2. Redactions to BWC footage are performed in accordance with legal requirements. The most often redacted material includes identities of lawfully protected members of the public, identities of undercover law enforcement personnel, identities of victims, legally privileged communication, and information connected to an active criminal investigation.

C. Criminal Investigations of JSO Members

The JSO is committed to proactively releasing information related to the arrest of any JSO member when the JSO is the investigating law enforcement agency.

D. OIS / In-custody Death / and RTR Data

1. The JSO is committed to proactively releasing OIS / In-custody Death incident data within 48 hours of an incident. That data typically includes the following:
 - a. Date of the incident;
 - b. Incident location;
 - c. Original incident type;
 - d. Case status;
 - e. Name(s) of officer(s) involved unless otherwise exempt (via Marsy's Law, etc.);
 - f. Name(s) of subject(s) involved, provided next of kin has been notified when applicable;
 - g. Status of the subject(s) and whether the incident was fatal;
 - h. Status of any State Attorney Office (SAO) or JSO Administrative reviews; and
 - i. Any other data deemed appropriate for release by the Sheriff or designees.
2. The JSO is committed to proactively releasing RTR data via Open Data Reports and annual reviews.
 - a. Data released as part of Open Data Reports or annual reviews include statistical analyses that compare data from multiple years.
 - b. Open Data Reports also contain information on assaults on law enforcement officers and the types of standardized training that JSO members are mandated to receive annually.



E. Public Relations Materials

The JSO is committed to sharing the following information with the public:

- a. Monthly award ceremonies, during which JSO members are recognized for exceptional accomplishments;
- b. Behind the Badge videos that enable the community to learn more about the personal aspects of the lives of JSO members; and
- c. Events designed to further connect community members with JSO members (e.g., Coffee with a Cop, Safety Fairs, etc.).

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T. K. Waters, Sheriff
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

References: