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Cocke County Sheriff's Department
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Subject: Formal Request for Body Camera Policies and Procedures

To Sheriff CJ BALL OR SUPERVISOR for Cocke County Sheriffs Department

I am writing to formally request a copy of the Cocke County Sheriff's Department's official policies and procedures regarding the use of body-worn cameras (BWCs). Specifically, I am seeking information on:

1. When officers are required to activate their body cameras during calls for service, traffic stops, arrests, and other encounters;
2. Conditions under which officers may deactivate their body cameras, including any guidelines for turning off cameras during active incidents;
3. Data management practices regarding the retention, storage, and release of body camera footage; and
4. Policies governing public access to body camera footage under the Tennessee Public Records Act.

Understanding these policies is essential for me to ensure transparency and accountability in my interactions with the Cocke County Sheriff's Department. As a citizen, I believe it is important to be informed of the guidelines that govern officer conduct and body camera usage in our community.

Please advise if there are any specific procedures or fees associated with obtaining this documentation. I appreciate your timely attention to this request and look forward to your response within five (5) business days.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Black