TOWN OF TIMNATH, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 20, SERIES 2020

A RESOLUTION APPROVING TIMNATH POLICE DEPARTMENT’S BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Timnath (the “Town”) pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-15-103, has the power to pass resolutions; and

WHEREAS, body-worn cameras are a rapidly emerging law enforcement tool that provide compelling evidence by recording events, statements, searches, and other key moments in the early stages of a case; and

WHEREAS, body-worn cameras also help to quickly resolve officer-involved incidents and debunk frivolous complaints about officer misconduct; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to promote accountability and transparency for citizens and officers, thereby enhancing community relationships and overall public safety; and

WHEREAS, attached hereto as Exhibit A is the Timnath Police Department’s Body-Worn Camera Policy (the “Policy”); and

WHEREAS, the Town finds the Policy to be in the best interest of the Town, its residents, and the general public to approve the Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TIMNATH, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Approval
The Body-Worn Camera Policy is hereby approved in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.


TOWN OF TIMNATH, COLORADO

Jill Grossman-Belisle, Mayor
ATTEST:

Milissa Peters-Garcia, CMC
Town Clerk
EXHIBIT A

Body-Worn Camera Policy

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TIMNATH POLICE DEPARTMENT
BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY (“BWC Policy”)

Introduction: Body-worn cameras are a rapidly emerging law enforcement tool that provide compelling evidence by recording events, statements, searches, and other key moments in the early stages of a case. The use of body-worn cameras is meant to promote public and officer safety, to enhance accountability and transparency, and to assist in the preservation and documentation of evidence.

Purpose: It is the purpose of this BWC Policy to provide guidelines for the use of body-worn cameras.

Scope: The BWC Policy applies to all units of the Timnath Police Department (“Department”), both officers and support members.

Policy Statement: All members of the Department will follow specific procedures established by the Chief of Police for the operation and maintenance of body-worn cameras. During their employment, each member of the Department will participate in specific and continuous training related to the use, storage, and procedures for body-worn cameras. Officers must follow guidelines established by the Chief of Police related to the activation of cameras and other recording processes, such as rules for cessation, and interactions with the public or other specified individuals. Further procedures established by the Chief of Police must be followed for the uploading, storage, classification, retention, and release of body-worn camera recordings. Compliance with this BWC Policy is mandatory.

Responsibilities: The Chief of Police shall ensure that this BWC Policy is implemented through the adoption of specific written procedures for inclusion in the Department’s policy manual, and will determine the consequences for failure to follow any requirements. Supervisors will monitor and verify officers are properly using body-worn cameras as required by the BWC Policy and training. Supervisors will routinely audit evidence logs to verify proper use and operational and procedural practices. All officers and other employees are responsible for knowing about updates to the BWC Policy.

Consequences: Supervisors must report and document all failures to properly utilize the body-worn camera system. Supervisors will apply appropriate counselling, warning and/or discipline, when warranted.

Review of and Updates to Procedures: The Chief of Police shall review and make changes to the procedures and guidelines promulgated under the BWC Policy, as needed. The Chief of Police may consult with other law enforcement agencies, legal counsel, and other staff members prior to issuing updates.