

Policy: 1643.0, AI Wearable Devices and Smart Glasses

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines governing the use of AI-enabled wearable devices, including but not limited to smart glasses, augmented reality (AR) eyewear, and similar consumer or professional wearable technology, by members of the Orlando Police Department.

II. POLICY

Members of the Orlando Police Department shall not use or wear AI-enabled wearable devices or smart glasses in the performance of official duties unless expressly authorized by the Chief of Police or designee.

Only department-issued and department-approved recording or sensing equipment may be used during official law enforcement activities. It should be noted that even when the use of AI-enabled wearable devices or smart glasses is not authorized, if a member records information while in the performance of their official law enforcement duties, the data recorded will still be considered a public record and must be retained as body camera recordings pursuant to the relevant provisions of [Chapter 119, Fla. Stat.](#) Such recordings may be subpoenaed for court purposes or requested as part of a public records request.

III. DEFINITIONS

AI-Enabled Wearable Devices: Any wearable technology capable of recording, analyzing, transmitting, or augmenting audio, video, biometric, or environmental data using artificial intelligence, machine learning, or automated data processing. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Smart glasses (e.g., Meta/Ray-Ban smart glasses);
2. AR or mixed-reality eyewear;
3. Wearable cameras with AI-assisted features;
4. Wearables capable of facial recognition, object recognition, or real-time data analysis.

Department-Issued Equipment: Any equipment approved, issued, and maintained by Orlando Police Department for official use, including body-worn cameras governed by applicable Florida statutes and departmental policy.

Official Duties: Any activity conducted under the authority of the Orlando Police Department, including but not limited to patrol, investigations, traffic enforcement, special operations, training, extra-duty, and public engagement while on duty or in uniform.

IV.PROCEDURES

1. AI WEARABLE DEVICES AND SMART GLASSES PROCEDURES

1.1 GENERAL PROHIBITIONS

Unless specifically authorized in writing:

- A. Members shall not wear or operate personal AI-enabled wearable devices while:
 1. On duty;
 2. In uniform;
 3. Participating in law enforcement operations; or
 4. Representing Orlando Police Department in any official capacity.
- B. Members shall not record audio, video, or images using AI-enabled wearables during official duties unless the device:
 1. Is department-issued or department-approved; and
 2. Is governed by an established Orlando Police Department policy.
- C. Members shall not use AI-enabled wearables to:
 1. Conduct surveillance;
 2. Identify individuals;
 3. Analyze behavior;
 4. Collect biometric or personal data;
 5. Record members of the public or other employees; without express authorization.

1.2 AUTHORIZED USE (EXCEPTIONS)

- A. The Chief of Police may authorize the use of AI-enabled wearable devices for:

1. Pilot programs;
2. Training or demonstration purposes;
3. Specialized units or research initiatives.

B. Any authorized use must include:

1. A written operational plan;
2. Defined data handling, storage, and retention procedures;
3. Legal review and approval;
4. Training requirements; and
5. Clear limitations on functionality (e.g., disabling facial recognition).

1.3 PRIVACY, DATA, AND EVIDENCE CONSIDERATIONS

A. Recordings made using unauthorized devices may expose the Department and individual members to:

1. Legal liability;
2. Civil rights claims;
3. Evidentiary challenges; and
4. Administrative discipline.

B. Recordings of official Orlando Police Department business which are made by officers using AI-enabled wearable devices or smart glasses are public records and are considered body camera recordings pursuant to section [119.071\(2\)\(l\), Fla. Stat.](#) Officers who create such recordings using unauthorized devices are legally obligated to ensure that any such recordings are properly preserved as public records and must provide them in response to public records requests or in response to requests from City of Orlando records custodians. Failure to do so may subject the officer to civil or criminal liability pursuant to section [119.10, Fla. Stat.](#)

C. Members shall comply with all applicable federal and Florida privacy, public records, and consent laws.

1.4 OFF-DUTY USE

Nothing in this policy prohibits the off-duty, personal use of AI-enabled wearable devices **provided that**:

1. The device is not used in a manner that implies official Orlando Police Department endorsement; and
2. The use does not violate any other departmental policy or law.

1.5 REVIEW AND UPDATES

This policy shall be reviewed annually to address:

1. Changes in technology;
2. Updates in Florida or federal law;
3. Emerging best practices in law enforcement technology governance.

V.FORMS AND APPENDICES

None

VI.REFERENCES

This policy rescinds N/A

Related Laws: [Chapter 119, Fla. Stat.](#), [119.071\(2\)\(l\), Fla. Stat.](#), [119.10, Fla. Stat](#)