



LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
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Public Records and Body-Worn Camera

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Public Records Unit

- Created in 2019
- Managed by 1 Sergeant
- 2 sections



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	Public Records Section	BWC Section
Full-Time Employees	7 civilians	6 commissioned detectives
Types of Requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All requests for written records under NRS 239• All requests for criminal history information from the media under NRS 179A (e.g., arrest reports and booking photos)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All requests for BWC under NRS 239• All civil subpoenas under NRCP 45 (insurance claims, personal injury, negligent security)
Requests 2021	5,961	1,859
Requests 2022	8,441	2,174
Requests 2023	11,912	1,775 *

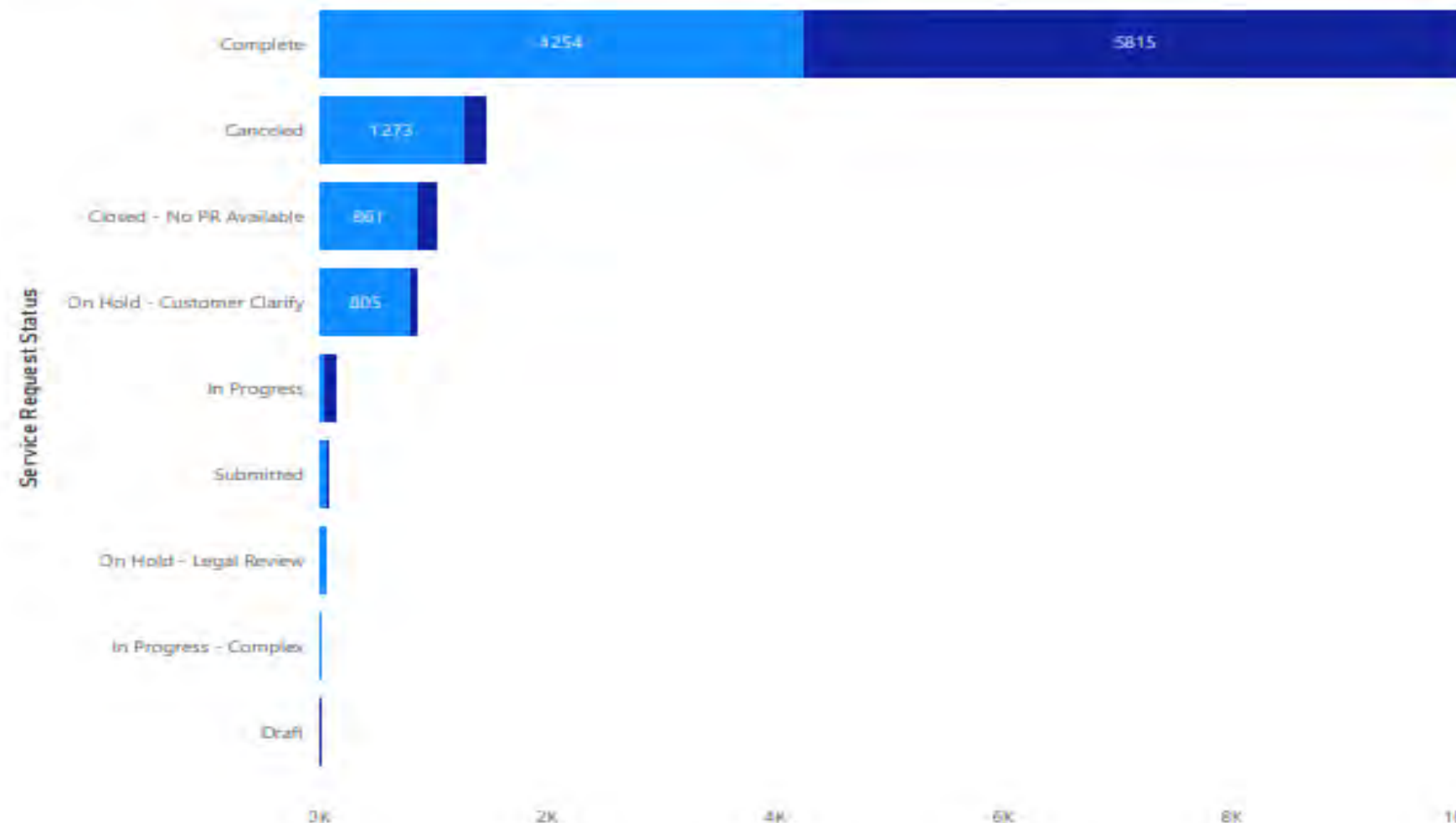
* But volume of footage is increasing, so workload is increasing



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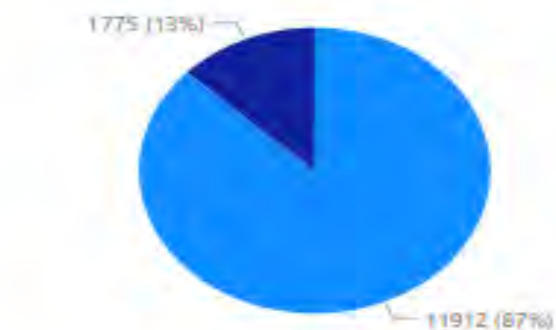
Service Requests by Status

Media Request ● No ● Yes



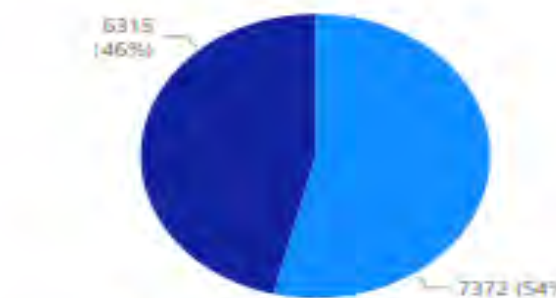
Body Worn Camera Requests

● No ● Yes



Media Requests

● No ● Yes





Charges

	Widespread Public Interest	Critical Incident	Other Events
Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shooting at Prince Law• UNLV shooting• Probst hit and run	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Officer Involved Shootings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traffic Accidents• Only 1 requester
Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$0.00 for most relevant video• Uploaded to YouTube	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$0.00 – played at 72-hour briefing• Uploaded to lvmpd.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$83.00 per hour of labor• Approx. 4 hours of labor per hour of video



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Charges

Revenue from all public records requests FY 23 (includes subpoenas)	\$414,567
Costs to operate PRU FY23	\$1,968,277



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Turnaround Time

- Highly dependent on volume of material and level of redactions
- Day-to-day arrest report and booking photo to media: within hours to a few days, depending on the circumstances
- BWC for matter of widespread public interest: start releasing in batches; completed within a few weeks
- BWC for average traffic accident: could be longer
- Request for voluminous reports: could be months



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Challenges

- Increasing volume of footage
- Increasing number of requests
- Increasing breadth of requests
- Redactions



Redactions

- Criminal history information (non-media)
- Sex assault victims
- Juvenile justice
- Privacy concerns (homes, gruesome images, never arrested, etc)
- Law enforcement concerns (safety, open investigations, etc)
- Personal identifying information



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Questions?