



# DOM 51020.12.3

## Controlled UOF— Video Recording Requirements

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During a controlled use of force (UOF), the camera operator(s) have specific responsibilities which are outlined in the Department Operations Manual (DOM). Below is a list of camera operator tasks, from the beginning of a controlled UOF through to the end of the recording. On the second page is the exact language from DOM, which includes Incident Commander and other team member responsibilities.

- Procure a camera, videotape/media, back-up videotape/media, and back-up battery
- Ensure the correct date/time are displayed on the recording
- Begin the recording by stating your name and rank, then the date, time, and location of the controlled UOF
- Record each member of the team, starting with the Incident Commander (IC)
- Continue filming while going to the scene and do not stop until ordered to by the IC; verbally explain any interruption in filming
- Upon arrival, film the interior of the cell/area and the inmate's actions
- After any application of chemical agents, film the interior and the inmate, again
- Film the extraction
- During the post-extraction medical evaluation, point the camera away from the inmate
- Film administration of medications, if that was the reason for the extraction
- Film decontamination if chemical agents were used
- Stop filming only after the IC gives the order to stop

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Each controlled use of force [UOF] shall be video recorded. The camera operator shall procure the camera, videotape or media, backup videotape or media, & backup battery. Prior to initiating video recording, the Incident Commander [IC] shall ensure the staff member operating the camera is familiar with the operation of the camera, & the expectations of the camera operator while recording the introductions & extraction in accordance with [51020.12.3] Controlled Uses of Force-Video Recording Requirements.

Only one incident shall be recorded on each video recording (videotape or video media will not include multiple incidents).

If the proposed controlled force involves a cell extraction of two inmates, two camera operators shall be used. Each camera operator will be designated an inmate prior to the application of the controlled [UOF] & concentrate on that inmate during the recording. The camera operator(s) will be positioned as close as possible to the immediate area to record as much as possible, yet at a sufficient distance so as to ensure no interference with extraction team or jeopardy to their own safety.

The camera operator shall ensure that an accurate date & time is displayed on the recording. Filming shall begin with the camera operator stating their name, rank, date, time, & location of the controlled [UOF].

The [IC] shall identify the inmate involved & state the circumstances of the proposed controlled [UOF] & /or extraction. The circumstances shall include a summary of the events leading up to the controlled [UOF] & what efforts have been made toward mitigation, to include the duration of the cool down period, as well as custody, supervisory, medical, & mental health intervention, as applicable. The [IC] shall explain the tactical plan, & the intended [UOF].

The on-site manager shall identify themselves on camera & confirm they are authorizing the controlled [UOF], including the force options as stated by the [IC]. The on-site manager shall also ensure the video introduction includes all required information.

The on-site [Licensed Nursing Staff] LNS shall identify themselves on camera & confirm they reviewed the inmate's health record. The LNS shall indicate if the inmate has any health conditions that will put them at increased risk for adverse outcome from the use of chemical agents or other force options. The LNS shall also note any known disabilities the inmate has that will require any accommodation before, during or after the controlled [UOF]. The LNS shall not include specific conditions or any other protected health information.

The LNS that will be on-site during the controlled [UOF] shall also identify themselves on camera as performing that role & having the necessary medical equipment.

The licensed mental health practitioner who provides clinical intervention shall identify themselves on camera & provide a detailed timeline of his/her efforts. This narrative shall not include specific conditions or any other protected health information but shall include a summary of the inmate's reaction. The actual clinical intervention shall not be video recorded.

The Response Supervisor & members of the controlled [UOF] team shall identify themselves on camera & stated their roles in the controlled [UOF].

Following the introduction, the camera operator shall continue

filming enroute to the scene of the proposed controlled [UOF] & record the events.

Prior to the application of force, the camera operator should videotape the interior of the cell/area & the inmate's actions.

The [IC] shall issue a verbal warning prior to initiating the application of force.

The verbal warning shall contain the following five elements:

- Address the inmate by name.
- Advise the inmate that they are being video recorded.
- Order the inmate to voluntarily comply.
- Advise the inmate of the intent to use chemical agents &/or physical force if they do not comply.
- Advise the inmate that sufficient force will be used to remove them from the area, administer medications, etc.

After the introduction of chemical agents, the camera operator should again video record the inmate & the interior of the cell/area.

If the video recording is interrupted for any reason once the incident/extraction has begun, the camera operator will give a verbal explanation of the interruption once recording has resumed. The entire incident must be video recorded in one segment or scene.

Once the inmate has been extracted, the LNS shall conduct an initial medical evaluation of the inmate & provide any necessary initial treatment. While the inmate is being evaluated or treated the camera shall continue recording, but will not be aimed at the inmate or the LNS. During this time the camera should be aimed at a clock, floor, wall, etc. If it becomes necessary for staff to use force on the inmate while they are being examined or treated, the camera will immediately be aimed at the inmate until such time as the inmate is no longer resistive & the medical evaluation resumes.

If the purpose of the controlled [UOF] was to administer medications, video recording shall continue as the medications are administered, and until the controlled [UOF] team disengages from the inmate.

If chemical agents were used and the inmate is allowed to decontaminate, ensure the decontamination is filmed.

The [IC] shall determine when the incident has concluded & video recording shall end. This is typically when the inmate is placed in a holding cell/area or re-housed.

(NOTE: Also see DOM §51020.13, Video Equipment and Records, for additional information.)



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