

3. Why does dash cam video begin with deputy out of his patrol unit? At what point/time was the dash cam turned on? Are there minutes that were removed from the video that was released to me?

EBRSO - When the deputy arrived on scene, there were already vehicles with lights in the area. The dash camera is automatically activated when a deputy's unit utilizes emergency lights. Therefore, when the deputy moved his vehicle in order to divert traffic, turning on his lights, that activated the dashboard camera. The camera is set to record back 60 seconds prior to activation. For this reason, you see the deputy out of his unit. That is the retroactive feature of the dash camera. You received all the video.

NOTE - According to EBRSO Deputy, he was the first emergency responder to arrive on scene. It has also been noted that @ 1:57 a.m while deputy was enroute, he was notified by dispatch that call had been upgraded to vehicle crash with injuries. At that point, deputy should have activated lights & sirens (La. R.S. 32:24) which would have automatically activated the dash cam.

REPLY - According to the incident reports that I've received from the agencies involved (including EBRSO) as well as the 911 recordings, the EBRSO deputy was the first to arrive on scene @ 2:01 a.m. His patrol unit would've been the first emergency vehicle there, as the first Fire Dept unit arrived at 2:03 according to their report. However, you say that there were already vehicles with lights in the area, which is why the dash cam didn't start recording immediately. So are you saying that the deputy drove to the scene with no emergency lights in response to a 911 call? When I review the dash cam footage from LSP, the recordings have already begun as they are approaching the scene.