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The investigation into the recent Colchester police-involved shooting shows that the department's eagerness to field body cameras for the sake of increased accountability outpaced officers' knowledge about how to use them and the creation of comprehensive policies and training for their deployment. These deficiencies will be remedied in the coming weeks.

The State Attorney's concern that certain members of the Department may have given the State Police investigators inaccurate information about the capabilities of the camera deserves further review. The Department will fully cooperate with any investigation aimed at clarifying what was relayed to investigators and why.

The Burlington Police Department remains committed to its partnership with the region's law enforcement agencies and will take great pains to maintain relationships of mutual trust.