

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 7, 2019

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

SUBJECT **Starlight Pilot Program**

On Monday, June 10, 2019, Chief of Police U. Reneé Hall will brief the committee on the Starlight Pilot Program.

The Dallas Police Department, through a donation from Safer Dallas, is preparing to launch the Starlight Program. Starlight is a public-private-community partnership designed to reduce crime, improve quality of life, and encourage community revitalization. Through video connections with the Real Time Crime Center, the Starlight Program will provide in-progress information to officers responding to calls for service. This intelligence will enhance safety, improve response times, deter crime, and increase clearance rates.

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Assistant City Manager

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Starlight Pilot Program

Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

June 10, 2019

Lieutenant James Lewis
Dallas Police Department



Presentation Overview

- Purpose
- Background/History
- Program Overview
- Next Steps

Purpose

- This presentation will highlight the benefits of the Starlight Pilot Program, a public-private partnership linking private businesses' real-time video and first responders
- Explain the fundamental concept and design of the program
- And detail the next steps involved

Background/History

Through a donation from Safer Dallas, the Dallas Police Department will be granted access to Starlight, a program developed as the result of a partnership between Safer Dallas and Motorola

This program interfaces high definition security cameras installed at local businesses, and their corresponding recordings, with the Dallas Police Department's Real Time Crime Center

Background/History

Municipalities currently using a similar program:

- Chicago, Illinois
- Springfield, Massachusetts
- New Orleans, Louisiana
- Detroit, Michigan



All of these municipalities have reported reductions in violent crime at locations participating with their program

Program Overview

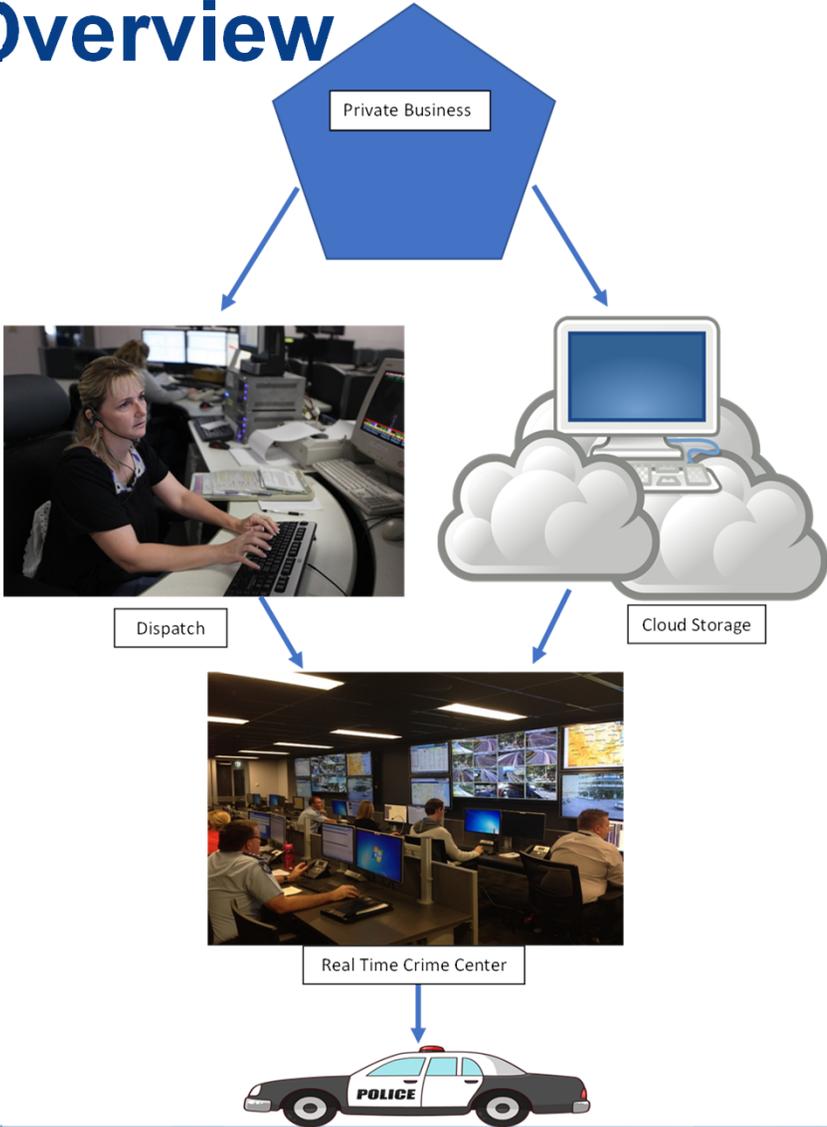
Starlight is a public/private partnership that aims to provide real-time and historical access to high-definition cameras installed in participating businesses

The Dallas Police Department's Real Time Crime Center will receive an alert anytime there is a 911 call from a Starlight participant

The Real Time Crime Center can immediately access video from the location, and will provide intelligence to responding officers



Program Overview



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- Starlight will begin as a 6 month pilot project in Dallas
- 3 businesses will be selected (based on the number of calls for police involving violence)
- There will be no fees for the selected pilot participants
- Participants will receive installation of multiple high-definition cameras and signage identifying the business as a program participant

Program Overview

- Video access will be obtained through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Starlight participants and Safer Dallas
- Both real-time video and cloud based historical recordings will be accessible, providing evidence collection to increase citizen safety, officer safety, and case clearance rates



Program Overview

Multiple benefits include:

- Reduced response times to violent incidents
- Increased officer and citizen safety
- Better suspect information and intelligence:
 - Description
 - Location
 - Accomplices
 - Weapons involved
- Crime deterrents
- Reduced false alarm calls
- Increased clearance rates
- Increased partnership between City of Dallas and private businesses



Next Steps

- Select businesses for pilot project
- Begin installation
 - Cameras
 - Signage
 - Interface with police department
- Develop detailed procedures for handling Starlight related calls for service
- Discover any technology, procedural, or staffing issues that might occur

Next Steps

- Determine any additional cost and/or staffing considerations for both the City of Dallas and private businesses
- (Jan. 2020) Provide the PSCJ committee an update on the information gained through the pilot project
- (Mar. 2020) Implement full program, assuming any issues discovered during pilot are resolved

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