

Memorandum



DATE August 10, 2018

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

SUBJECT **DPD Camera Surveillance Program**

On Monday, August 13, 2018, you will be briefed on the Police Department's Surveillance Cameras by Assistant Chief of Police Paul Stokes. The presentation is an overview of the Surveillance Camera Systems and the units responsible for their monitoring. The goal of the presentation is to provide Council with a current status report of the daily operations by the Video One team that is housed in the Fusion Center. The briefing will also cover the deployment and monitoring of the additional cameras by various investigative units.

The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.



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cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council	Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager
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Dallas Police Department (DPD) Camera Surveillance Program

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Dallas Police Surveillance Cameras

- Background/History
- Purpose
- Issues/ Operational Concerns
- Operational Impact
- Proposed Action



Background/History

- Dallas Police has 354 permanently mounted overt surveillance cameras installed in areas with:
 - › Concentrated pedestrian and vehicular traffic
 - › Highest incidents of reported crime (TAAG areas)
- Overt cameras have been installed in three phases:
 - › **Phase I** (2006 – 2007) ... 155 cameras in Downtown (CBD), McKinney Ave., Jefferson Corridor, Five Points, and Jubilee Park
 - › **Phase II** (2010) ... 90 cameras in TAAG Areas for increased visibility
 - › **Phase III** (2014) ... expanded TAAG Area coverage with 109 additional cameras
- DPD deploys 9 overt mobile surveillance camera trailers

Purpose

- Create a force multiplier in TAAG and High Traffic Areas
- Identify criminal activity and coordinate real-time field response to location, suspects and vehicles
- Provide detectives with video evidence in support of criminal investigations

Video One Team

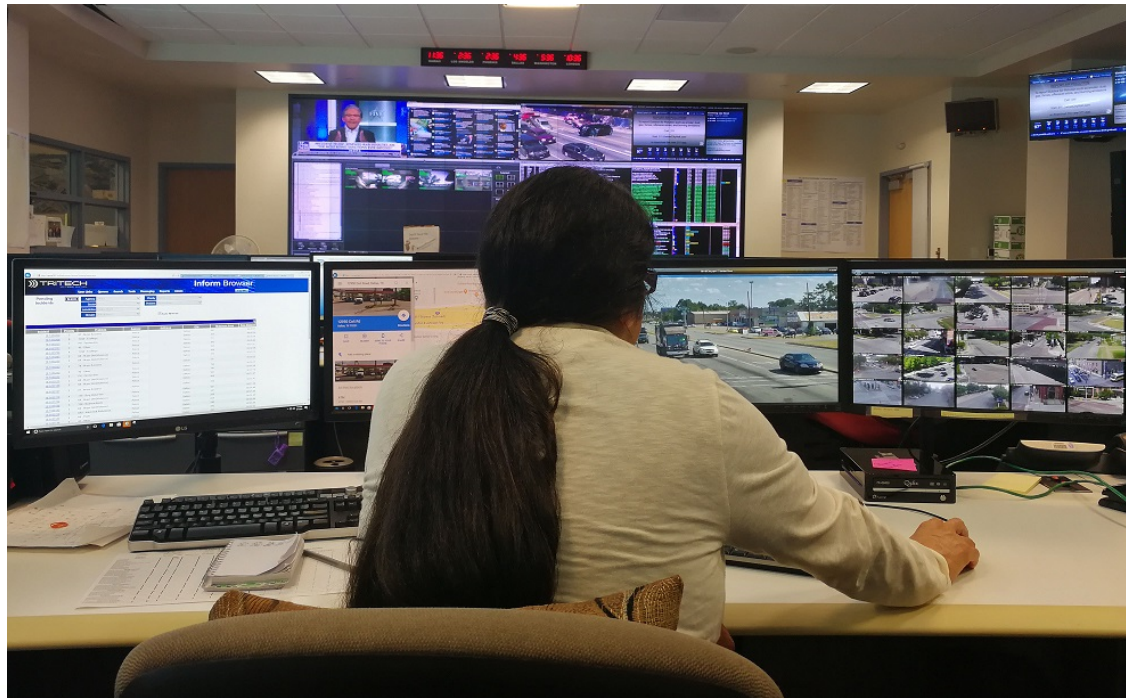
- Created Video One Team for continuous real time monitoring of City of Dallas cameras
- Overt camera feeds can be simultaneously monitored by Video One Operators and Dallas Fusion Center (DFC) Detectives/Analysts
- Moved Video One Team (March 2018) from DPD Communications to DFC to create seamless communication

Video One Operator Duties

- **Real Time monitoring of Priority One Calls for Service and Police Radio Traffic** to identify criminal activity or incidents requiring emergency response in close proximity to overt City of Dallas cameras
- **Investigative Support** – review and provide video for specific locations within specific time frames
- **Respond to Open Records Requests** – approximately 80% of Video One Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests are regarding traffic accident investigations

Multiple Independent Systems

Simultaneous monitoring of calls for service and camera system network requires use of multiple resources to identify calls within camera range



Haystax Constellation

Dallas OEM, DPD and DFR integration of resources and data streams on Haystax Constellation computer platform

Included resources:

- Map Layers (streets, beats, council districts, etc.)
- **Dallas Police / Fire CAD**
- Dallas 311
- **DPD cameras**
- TxDot Traffic Cameras

Covert Cameras

- The Narcotics Division installs, maintains and operates all Covert Cameras
- The cameras are deployed to undisclosed locations in support of criminal investigations. The cameras are also used to monitor activity at RISK and Habitual Criminal Properties at the divisional level
- Duration of these camera installations are dependent upon investigative need and operational priorities
- Each camera is monitored by requesting investigating unit detectives or patrol officers in support of investigative operations

Proposed Action

- Consult with Law Enforcement and Private Sector Partners with established operational video monitoring centers. Develop policies, procedures, systems requirements and staffing models to enhance operations of the Video One Team
- Incorporate advanced software to more efficiently review video footage

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