



# VILLAGE OF LOMBARD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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FROM: Deputy Chief Joseph Grage

DATE: 01/23/2023

SUBJECT: Public Safety and Transportation Committee Agenda Item:  
Voluntary Registration of Private Surveillance Cameras  
**LEGISTAR #230053**

Chief Newton,

I have recently become aware that a number of our peers in the Dupage county law enforcement community have launched programs to allow their citizens and businesses to voluntarily register their private video surveillance cameras with them.

These registration programs essentially establish databases of private surveillance camera locations. These databases provide a starting point for law enforcement when they are attempting to locate video footage of a crime. It is important to note that all of the programs protect the privacy rights of participants in that none of these programs provide for direct access to private video footage by police nor do they provide automatic consent for police to view the footage. The choice on whether to provide video footage for a police investigation still lies with the resident or business owning the camera systems.

As you know, the use of private video surveillance footage by our department has been increasing as video surveillance technology improves and continues to become more

affordable and more accessible to both residents and businesses. Private video surveillance footage volunteered by residents and businesses has been instrumental in helping to solve a wide array of crimes ranging from minor hit and run crashes all the way up to serious felony offenses like residential burglaries. Timely access to information on where private video surveillance cameras exists will enable our detectives to quickly identify potential sources of video evidence in order to assist them in identifying offenders for apprehension as well as provide critical information on the crimes being investigated.

I am proposing that we implement a voluntary private video surveillance camera registration program for these reasons. This program would have no cost to our department because we already own the software that is capable of handling these registrations. We could also implement this program very quickly because of this as well.

I have attached descriptions of programs for the Carol Stream, Elmhurst, Naperville, and Darien Police Departments along with examples of their registration forms.

I have placed this item on the agenda for the Public Safety and Transportation Committee's meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 in order to seek the committee's input and approval of the program.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Grage', written in a cursive style.

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## Surveillance Camera Registration

The Carol Stream Police Department is partnering up with residents and local businesses with this new voluntary program. By registering your camera(s) with the CSPD, it is not only a deterrent of crime, but assists the department in its overall crime prevention strategy in your neighborhood. If you have a security system such as RING, Nest, etc. submitting a registration will be something to take advantage of. The goal of this surveillance program is to deter crime and promote public safety through collaboration between the CSPD and the residents we serve.



Knowing ahead of time where cameras are located greatly speeds up investigations and the apprehension of suspects. The program is simply a registry to let the Carol Stream Police Department know that you have a security camera system, and are willing to assist the police.

Please know that your participation in the program is kept anonymous and police alone will have access to the registry. By collaborating with the CSPD in this effort, you protect your family, your property and your community.

For example if a burglary occurs down the street from your property, we would know your camera may have captured an image of a vehicle or suspect that could connect us to the suspects involved in the crime. At that time a detective would call you and ask to review the footage.

If you have any additional questions regarding the Surveillance Camera Registration program please contact Deputy Chief Don Cummings at (630) 871-6208 or email [dcummings@carolstream.org](mailto:dcummings@carolstream.org).

To register click below:

[Surveillance Camera Registration](https://www.carolstream.org/departments/police-department/police-programs-and-services/surveillance-camera-registration)

# Surveillance Camera Registration



This program allows residents and businesses to register the locations of their outdoor video surveillance systems with the Carol Stream Police Department. When an incident occurs, police will be able to identify the locations of nearby video cameras and enlist the assistance of the community to help officers collect video evidence and follow up on leads.

The Carol Stream Police Department will **not** have access to your cameras or security system. If footage is needed a Carol Stream Police Department representative will use registered contact information to inquire if any relevant video was captured. Arrangements would then be made to collect the video.

We hope you will help us deter crime by taking part in this voluntary registration.

**\*PLEASE NOTE YOU WILL ONLY BE CONTACTED OUTSIDE OF NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS IN CASES OF AN EMERGENCY.**

## Camera Information

Address Number

Street\*

Unit

Building Type\*

Number of Cameras\*

Video Storage Length  
(Days)

Live Feed\*

Front Entry\*

Back Entry\*

Side Yard\*

Street Parking\*

**Please list any additional information that may be helpful \***

## Primary Contact

**First Name \***

**Last Name \***

**Business Name (if applicable)**

**Phone Number \***

Enter phone numbers in this format XXX-XXX-XXXX

**Email Address \***

## Secondary Contact

**First Name \***

**Last Name \***

**Business Name (if applicable)**

**Phone Number \***

Enter phone numbers in this format XXX-XXX-XXXX

**Email Address \***

**Signature \*****Date \***

For more information about the Village of Carol Stream's privacy policy please visit <https://www.carolstream.org/departments/privacy-statement>  
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# Video Sharing Partnership

## Video-Sharing Partnership

In an effort to reduce crime by identifying and apprehending individuals involved in criminal activity, the Elmhurst Police Department is proposing a Video-Sharing Partnership with the Elmhurst community. Residents and business owners with private video surveillance cameras taking footage of public areas such as streets, sidewalks, parking lots, etc., are being asked to register the location and direction of their surveillance cameras online for purposes of possibly providing assistance to police in criminal investigations.

This partnership would not be intended for active or live-feed surveillance, or for monitoring neighborhood activity—the Police Department would never have remote access to any private video systems. The program would be used strictly with owners' permission and cooperation, allowing the Police Department to view footage upon request for possible evidence relating to a specific criminal act in an ongoing investigation.

Under this partnership, minimal personal information is required for registration, and there are no fees involved. The Police Department will maintain a list of private video surveillance cameras available for possible footage use. Police will still need to contact the camera owner to request permission to view video footage if a criminal incident occurs in the vicinity of a camera. All registration information will be kept confidential, and registrants can unsubscribe at any time.

This partnership is a way for citizens to work with the Police Department to help keep our community safe.

To share video footage, please fill the following form.

If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Chief Michael McLean at (630) 530-3050 or [policeinfo@elmhurst.org](mailto:policeinfo@elmhurst.org).



## Form Center

By signing in or creating an account, some fields will auto-populate with your information and your submitted forms will be saved and accessible to you.

### Elmhurst Police Department - Video Sharing Program

[Sign in to Save Progress](#)



Video Sharing Program

Elmhurst Police Department

(630) 530-3050

First Name\*

Last Name\*

Check one:

☐ Residence

☐ Business

Address1\*

Select Language ▼



**Address2**

(If you have cameras at more than one address/location please register each address/location separately)

**Preferred Telephone Number:\*****Secondary Telephone Number:****Email:\*****Number of Cameras at Location:\*****Camera Views:\***

(Please check which are applicable)

- ☐ Front
- ☐ Rear
- ☐ Sidewalk
- ☐ Driveway
- ☐ Parking Lot
- ☐ Other

**To be eligible to participate in the video sharing program the video camera must be in the City of Elmhurst**

*Thank you for registering with the Elmhurst Police Department video sharing program. The information you have provided to us will be used for investigation purposes only, and will not be disseminated for other solicitations of the City or for any commercial purposes. If you have any questions about this program, contact Deputy Chief Robert Tannehill by email [robert.tannehill@elmhurst.org](mailto:robert.tannehill@elmhurst.org) or (630) 530-3050.*

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☒ Receive an email copy of this form.

**Email address**

This field is not part of the form submission.

**Submit**

\* indicates a required field



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## Community Camera Registration Program

When a crime occurs in our city, video footage of the incident can lead to major breaks in the case, like the identification of a suspect vehicle or offender. It can also provide critical evidence to aid in the prosecution of an offender.

The Naperville Police Department's voluntary camera registration program asks willing business owners and residents to register the locations of their security cameras with the department. This enables detectives to quickly contact registered camera owners in the area of a crime to determine if their camera system recorded any part of the incident.

This **VOLUNTARY** program provides officers the **LOCATION ONLY** of surveillance cameras so they can request footage. It **DOES NOT PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH DIRECT ACCESS** to the privately-owned camera system.

Knowing ahead of time where cameras are located greatly speeds up investigations and the apprehension of suspects. The program is simply a registry to let the Naperville Police Department know that you have a security camera system, that you are willing to assist the police and the best way to reach you.

The Naperville Police Department will only contact program participants if a criminal incident occurred near the registered camera system and officers believe the system may have captured footage that could aid in identifying and apprehending suspects.

### ***Terms of Use:***

1. Camera system information provided will be for official use only.
2. The participant's personal information will be kept confidential by the City unless subject to disclosure by law or court order.
3. This program is free and entirely voluntary. Participants can withdraw consent at any time by calling the Naperville Police Department at (630) 548-2967.
4. If necessary, the Naperville Police Department will contact participants directly, using the information provided at the time of registration, to request the appropriate video surveillance footage.
5. Any footage containing or related to criminal activity shared with the Naperville Police Department may be used as evidence during any stage of a criminal proceeding, and participants could be subject to a court subpoena.
6. Under no circumstances shall the participants construe that they are acting as an agent and/or employee of the City of Naperville or the Naperville Police Department through the program.

**By choosing to add their camera location(s) to the Community Camera Registration Program, participants acknowledge their understanding of and agreement to the above terms of use.**

**REGISTER A CAMERA LOCATION**

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

### **Why should I participate in the Community Camera Registration Program?**

Security cameras can increase safety and reduce risk of theft and vandalism to your business or residence. In the event of an incident, security cameras can also provide critical evidence to assist with the apprehension and charging of suspects. By providing your camera locations to police through this program and responding to requests for footage, you could help the Naperville Police Department solve crimes, make arrests and enhance the quality of life in Naperville.

### **What are the costs of participating?**

There is no cost to participate in this program.

### **What about privacy concerns?**

Participation in this program is voluntary, and participants get to choose what footage they share with police. The Naperville Police Department does not have direct access to cameras at any point.

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Date Form Submitted

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mm/dd/yyyy

## Location Type

Location Type\*

- ☐ Business
- ☐ Residential


## Location Information

Location Name\*

Location Phone\*

Location Address\*

Address



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## Primary Contact Information

First Name - PC\*

Last Name - PC\*

24-Hour Phone Number - PC\*

Email Address - PC\*

## Secondary Contact Information

First Name - SC

Last Name - SC

24-Hours Phone Number - SC

Email Address - SC

## Camera Information

Number of Interior Cameras\*

Interior Cameras Recording Period\*

Number of Exterior Cameras\*

Exterior Cameras Recording Period\*

Video Retention Length (in Days)\*

Submit



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## Video Camera Registry

FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND BUSINESS PARTNERS;

As you know the one certain way of defeating criminal behavior and chronic disorder is to be proactive and take full advantage of the partnerships and other relationships that we are able to forge. Recently, there was an attempt by an unknown motorist to lure a young nine year old to a vehicle with an offer of candy. Fortunately, the child was able to run away and no harm came to that child. However, as law enforcement officers we recognize that the individuals who attempted to lure this child, did not have good intentions and need to be caught. We had only a vague description that would allow us to pursue and apprehend this offender. That simply may not be enough.

As we seek to capitalize on both technology and our relationships with our community, I am seeking your participation in a new program. The program works as follows: Any private citizen or commercial business, that possesses a video surveillance system, would register the system with the Darien Police Department. In the event that an incident occurred near your community or place of business, we would search our registry for anyone who had registered a surveillance system near the incident. A member of the Darien Police Department would contact you and determine if your home or video surveillance system captured any images that held evidentiary value. If so, and with your permission we would download your images and inventory them in order to facilitate prosecution.

Each interested citizen or business owner should contact Rose Gonzalez in Darien Police Department and identify your name, address, phone number and if your system has any external view of your property. We will log your information into our data base and you would only hear from the Darien Police Department if an incident occurred near your residence and if you have video surveillance, we will request permission to view and download it for evidentiary and apprehension purposes.

Hopefully we have gotten you interested in partnering with the Darien Police Department in this collaborative initiative to fight crime. If so, please provide the proper person we can contact to discuss the program further, and include this form back with your business license.

If you would like more information, please contact Rose Gonzalez at 630-353-8133 or via e-mail at [rgonzalez@darienil.gov](mailto:rgonzalez@darienil.gov) to register your video surveillance system with the Darien Police Department.

Please enter all of your information below:

### Video Camera Registry

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-mail:

# of Cameras:

Location:

Describe the areas that the cameras monitor, including public roadways that can be viewed

Viewing Area:

Security code:

712928

Submit

