



CRYSTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Department Policy Manual

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PURPOSE

The Crystal Police Department will utilize Mobile Surveillance Cameras to accomplish the mission of the police department and city. The following policy establishes expectations for the proper usage of Mobile Surveillance Cameras by police department employees.

DEFINITION

Mobile Surveillance Cameras are defined as mobile video or still photo capturing devices used by the Crystal Police Department, including the following:

- Traffic monitoring devices that include video or still photo capabilities;
- Moveable cameras set up in a variety of configurations, including but not limited to GoPro, Trailcam, and other video and still cameras;
- Moveable observation posts that include mast mounted camera and audio equipment.

Body worn cameras and squad car cameras are not limited in the definition of Mobile Surveillance Cameras.

ACCEPTABLE USAGE

Mobile Surveillance Cameras may be deployed on a case by case basis to fulfill the mission of the Crystal Police Department and the city of Crystal. No employee shall use a Mobile Surveillance Camera for personal or non-business-related purposes. There is no requirement or expectation in this policy that would mandate an officer to deploy a Mobile Surveillance Camera.

A Mobile Surveillance Camera may be utilized for the following reasons:

- Documentation of enforcement actions to provide evidence for prosecution and/or trial
- Observation of public areas to detect, document, and deter crime
- Observation of private areas to detect, document, and deter crime under the lawful authority granted by a search warrant, court order, consent, case law, statute, or other regulation
- For the purpose of monitoring an area in furtherance of a legitimate law enforcement or peace keeping mission
- Monitoring of traffic to aid in roadway studies and direct resolution of problem areas or citizen concerns
- For investigative needs
- For training purposes

HANDLING OF DATA

Video and audio recordings captured with Mobile Surveillance Cameras are subject to chapter 13 of the Minnesota State Statutes (Government Data Practices Act). Video and audio recordings of an evidentiary nature will be handled pursuant to policy 4.11 of the Crystal Police Department Policy Manual, in conjunction with the Evidence Entry and Handling Manual.