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## General Considerations and Guidelines

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines regarding the use of security cameras to include CCTV and networked cameras in and around the building and property of the Framingham Police Department. A security camera for the purpose of this policy is defined as cameras used to enhance building security, safety and the quality of life on the grounds of the Framingham Police Department with state-of-the-art technology.

This policy applies to all Framingham Police department personnel in the use of CCTV and web camera surveillance, monitoring and recording. The existence of the policy does not imply or guarantee that a camera will be monitored in real time 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## **Policy**

The Framingham Police Department maintains several closed-circuit video cameras throughout the police station to include the Booking and Holding Facility, Detention Cells, the Building's Perimeter, Hallways, Sally port and Interview Rooms. There are also cameras which monitor the exterior of the building.

The images from the following cameras are captured and stored on digital video recorders (DVR) located in the Technology Services Data Center at City Hall:

1. evidence area and evidence office,
2. second and third floor hallways,
3. basement hallways,
4. stairwell to evidence,
5. rear parking lot,
6. Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
7. Generator,
8. Gas pumps,
9. Server room,
10. Front entrance,
11. Lobby area, and
12. Side door entrance area.

Unless otherwise specified in this policy, recordings will be stored for approximately ninety (90) days. After which the DVR automatically overwrites the latest images over the oldest, depending on disk space. The City or Framingham cannot be held responsible for equipment malfunction, however will make its best effort to maintain these video systems.

The training room is equipped with a video recorder which will be used to video record certain trainings. Training videos will be maintained by the training coordinator.

The first-floor interview room and third floor interview rooms within the Detective Bureau are equipped to record on Digital Video Recorders (DVRs) located on

their respective floors. These DVR's automatically overwrite themselves as disk space is needed.

Cameras located in the holding facility and cell block are monitored by communications personnel. Images captured by these cameras are not recorded.

## **I. Procedure**

### **A. System Operation & Monitoring**

The Chief of Police has designated the Deputy Chief of Administration to be trained in the use of the security camera system and have the assignment of periodically conducting video observation of the monitored areas inside and outside the police department.

### **B. Quality Assurance**

The Manager of Network Services as well as the Deputy Chief of Administration will conduct periodic reviews of the cameras, network and hardware associated with the security camera system. Access to the DVRs is secure and password protected.

### **C. Documented Reviews and Audits**

The Professional Standards Lieutenant will conduct audits of real time video from live camera feeds as well as past activity to ensure compliance with department rules, regulations and policy with special attention to the evidence related areas. This documented audit of both past and real time video shall be conducted monthly. The documented audit will be kept on file by the Deputy Chief of Administration.

### **D. Record Requests**

Images which are stored on the DVRs are considered public records and subject to production in response to legitimate requests. Such requests should be made through the City's Public Record Request Portal. Some recordings may be exempt from disclosure pursuant to recognized public records exemptions.