

July 30, 2026

To: President Jeff Buerman

From: Chief Jeffrey Garrison

RE: Camera Systems

Mr President,

In response to your email of 7/29/26, here is the information on the camera systems that we utilize.

Downtown CCTV

The CCTV camera project was started by Chief Newton. I took the project over in June of 22 and saw it to completion.

This camera system covers the park, Main St, and the VOP hall/Police station. These are not Pan/Tilt/Zoom cameras. They are stationary and have no AI or facial recognition ability. The camera system was installed in late 2022 by Actron Systems. This system retains footage for 41 days. That is the lowest setting available.

Case Investigations

The cameras have aided the PD in identifying suspects in several incidents and captured footage of the suspect who was accosting children in the park during a Food Truck Friday event. The next month, the cameras provided evidence that the same suspect returned to the next FTF event contrary to court order.

The other incidents were as follows: (this is not an all inclusive list)

- A lost child was found with footage from the system.
- A perpetrator was seen damaging a vehicle and subsequently identified.
- A porch theft suspect and vehicle were identified and addressed

- Multiple accidents have been recorded and reports completed accurately
- A larceny suspect was identified after stealing multiple items from in front of the hardware store.
- These cameras aided in identifying a suspect in an elder fraud investigation.
- There was also video of an injury accident involving a juvenile

System access

Livingston Co Central Dispatch has a “user only” log in for this system so they can actually log in and see what we are dealing with live as it is happening, then dispatch appropriate public safety resources.

Locations

The CCTV system has multiple locations as follows:

Main St/Marion St

Main St/S Howell

Main St/S Mill St

S Mill between E Main & Livingston

E Livingston/S Howell

VOP front porch/lobby

Police station rear doors

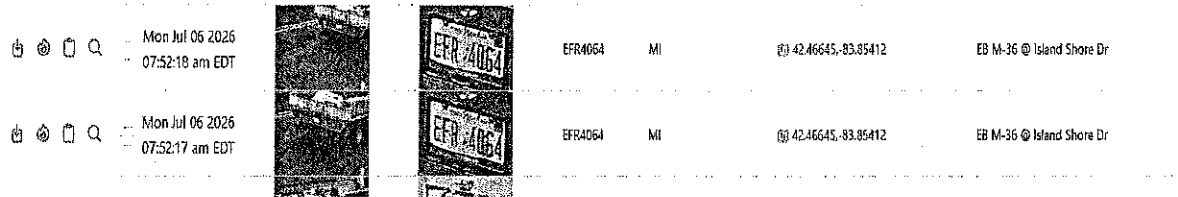
Police station north side looking at W Livingston & S Howell

LPR cameras

The LPR cameras are from a company called Insight. They are not Flock cameras and have no AI or facial recognition ability. The cameras were purchased through grant funding from Livingston Co Emergency Management. The final agreements were reviewed by Mr Stoker’s office, and the system was put in place in early 2024. There was no cost to us for the equipment. We only pay for the subscription to the system and the sim cards for cellular transmission. They are completely wireless other than power.

Contrary to what is out on social media, these only look at the license plates of vehicles. They do not record people, drivers, passengers, etc... I think folks are equating this to the TV show, Person of Interest. That is not what these do in any way.

As you can see by the screen shot below, they only look at a license plate:



The plate is compared to a national database of wanted vehicles and if there is no match, I have our system configured to delete the information in 15 days. This was the lowest setting, and my reasoning is that we will know of a wanted vehicle within that time. After that, the image/record is deleted forever. In the shot, you will note the time, date and the camera that took the photo. In this instance, it was a Hamburg Township camera.

System Access

We share data with the other Livingston Co jurisdictions. They can look at our info and we can see theirs. I do not control how long anyone else retains data. We maintain admin permissions to our system. Others can only view the data while it is available.

Case Investigations

The police department has utilized this data for several theft reports, including the porch theft from the front of the police station. We have been able to identify drive-offs from the gas stations and suspect vehicles in possible child abuse reports from the downtown area. Used in conjunction with the CCTV cameras, the LPR's assisted in identifying the suspects in an elder fraud incident.

Locations

The only two cameras that we have are at Main St and Mill St, and Main and Marion. They face opposite directions and only "look" at the rear of the vehicles.

Camera Administration

Currently, members of the PD can search the CCTV system related to footage captured. Only Sgt Trenkle, Inv Hamlin, and I are the administrators.

The LPR system is more restrictive and basic license plate searches are available to the PD. Sgt Trenkle, Inv Hamlin, and I are the system administrators but that really doesn't give any further permissions, only the ability to modify some back-end settings.

System Authorization

All camera systems were authorized by the sitting presidents at the time.

System Costs

Avigilon CCTV: There are no monthly/annual charges for this system as it came with its own memory.

Insight LPR: Data hosting \$600 annually (with percentage increases)

Sim Cards: \$87.32 per month/1047.84 annually (AT&T cellular)

Monitoring

Both systems can be viewed live as shown in the front office. We do not actively monitor the systems. We only review video footage when an incident occurs.

Policy

The camera systems are covered under the same restrictions as the body camera/in-car camera systems. There are also disclaimers for each system that they have to be used in accordance with current law and abuses of the systems will void the contracts and cause us to lose access.