

Brookline Police Department

Critical Infrastructure Monitoring System 2015 Year End Report

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Review of Recent CIMS Use

- This review covers Jan 1 – Dec 30, 2015
- Review of three areas of CIMS use:
 - On-Hours Incidents Reviewed (10pm-6am)
 - Overrides of the System
 - Incidents Missed During Off-Hours
- Policy/Procedure
- *By the end of March, five of the cameras were replaced and were functioning without shrouds. As of July 1st, the remaining cameras were replaced and functioning without shrouds, therefore operating 24 hours/day.*



On-Hours Incidents Reviewed

- There were 39 requests for a review of camera footage.
- The footage was reviewed and recordings were made in 22 requests.
 - Footage was provided to:
 - Boston Police (2)
 - Citizen (1)
 - Detective Division (2)
 - Evidence (13)
 - Internal Investigations (4)
- Due to the cameras being without shrouds and therefore operating 24hrs/day, real time reviews can be done and have reduced the need to request & maintain footage.



On-Hours Incidents Reviewed (cont)

- Types of incidents that the footage was reviewed/requested for:
 - Assault and Battery- 2
 - Bike Theft- 2
 - Car Break- 1
 - Internal Investigation- 2
 - Larceny- 1
 - Malicious Damage- 1
 - MV Crash- 4
 - MV Pursuit- 2
 - OUI-L: 4
 - Robbery- 1
 - Sexual Assault- 2



Camera Overrides

- Between January 1 – June 30, 2015, there were 22 overrides of the camera system (turning the camera on during the off-hours of 6am-10pm).
- Overrides were initiated by:
 - BPD IT Director (22)
- *By the end of March, five of the cameras had been replaced and were functioning without shrouds. As of July 1st, the remaining cameras have been replaced and functioning without shrouds, therefore operating 24 hours/day. Therefore, there is no longer the need to override the system.*



Camera Overrides

Incidents for which override was initiated:

- Armed Robbery -1
- Boston Marathon – 1
- Dignitary Visit – 1
- Hit and Run – 1
- Hold Up Alarm – 1
- Maintenance – 2
- Officer Safety – 1
- Package Thefts – 1
- Protest – 1
- Snow/Traffic Congestion – 10
- Temple Event/Security - 1
- Walk for Hunger – 1



Incidents Missed

- The following is a look at incidents for which it is believed valuable footage could have been obtained had the cameras been on.
- Between Jan 1 – March 29, 2015, it is believed that in at least 15 incidents footage could have been obtained that would have been valuable.
- *By the end of March, five of the cameras had been replaced and were functioning without shrouds. As of July 1st, the remaining cameras have been replaced and functioning without shrouds, therefore operating 24 hours/day with view access to all footage, therefore no longer “missed” incidents.*



Types of Incidents Missed

- Erratic Operation – 1
- Fight in Progress – 1
- Indecent Assault & Battery – 1
- Indecent Exposure – 1
- Larceny – 1
- Motor Vehicle Crash – 7
- Open and Gross – 1
- Shoplifting – 2



Policy/Procedure

Between Jan 1 – Dec 30, 2015:

- There were no incidents of misuse reported
- There were no violations of policy/procedure in the use or activation of the cameras or in the retention of footage.
- Because of necessary camera upgrades, our camera shrouding system will not work. The SituCon covers do not fit with the new cameras, therefore, the cameras, with the exception of the one location at Boylston St/ Hammond St which is out of service, are on 24hrs/day, 7 days/week.
- Five of our cameras were replaced before April and the remaining cameras and the server have been replaced since July 1st. All cameras are currently functioning without shrouds, therefore operating 24 hours/day.



Policy/Procedure

Since the implementation of the CIMS Camera Program:

- There have been no incidents of misuse reported
- There have been no violations of policy/ procedure in the use or activation of the cameras or in the retention of footage. (This does not account for non-functioning shrouds which require the camera to remain on).

