

# Community Camera Program

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## How Does it Work?

Many business owners and residents currently operate surveillance systems at their businesses and/or homes. As crimes occur in their area, they are not always aware that their system may have captured information that could help solve the crime and convict those responsible for victimizing the community. In turn, law enforcement in Warren County is not always aware who may have this potentially vital information. This program will help marry the mutual interest of the community and law enforcement – a safe Warren County.

## What are the Benefits of Registering your Camera?

By registering your camera, law enforcement and prosecutors can quickly identify nearby cameras that may have captured criminal activity. After registering your camera, you would only be contacted by members of Warren County law enforcement if there is a criminal incident in the vicinity of your surveillance camera. Law enforcement, if necessary, may request to view your camera footage to assist in the investigation.

## Security Cameras – Helping Law Enforcement Investigate

- 1.) Security Cameras Provide Hard Evidence
  - It can be challenging for law enforcement to find evidence that is objective and doesn't run the risk of being tainted by opinion or error.
  - Security cameras are one of the prime ways that police might be able to obtain evidence that is reliable and provides multiple types of useful information.
    - Verify if a suspect was in a specific area at a particular time and what direction they were going.
- 2.) Security Cameras Help Corroborate Other Types of Evidence
  - Security cameras help law enforcement confirm that they have the correct fact pattern based on the physical evidence at the scene of the crime.
- 3.) Security Cameras Provide Consistent, 24/7 Surveillance

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## Disclaimer and Terms of Use

The goal of the Community Camera Program is to deter crime and promote public safety through collaboration between the law enforcement agencies of Warren County and the communities we serve. Accordingly, all registrants agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. If we think it will help in an investigation, the Warren County Attorney's Office or a Warren County law enforcement officer will contact you using the information provided by you at the time of registration to request the appropriate video surveillance footage.
2. All video surveillance footage shall continue to remain your property until it is requested by the Warren County Attorney's Office and collected by law enforcement.
3. Your participation in this program shall not be an obligation to release any surveillance video to the Warren County Attorney's Office.
4. Footage from your security camera containing or related to criminal activity collected by the Warren County Attorney's Office and/or its law enforcement partners could be used as evidence.