
Mr. Viets Concerns:

1) Concern:

“While business owners may indeed be required to give their consent before their cameras will be connected to the FUSUS system, the businesses’ employees and customers certainly are not required to give permission.”

Answer:

The FUSUS system is not only consensual, but it is voluntary and requires the business or entity to enroll, and set permissions based on their preferences; they can also pick-and-choose which camera(s) they wish to share. Cameras in public spaces are already recording and storing video based on their retention schedules. We are simply asking for camera owners who choose to participate to register their camera location, and/or give access to footage based on an incident. This will make the gathering of pre-existing videos more accessible, more quickly. We are not asking for more cameras, we are asking for efficiency.

2) Concern:

“...there is no objective, independent assessment of the FUSUS system which establishes that it either reduces crime or significantly aids in the apprehension of criminals. We would be very interested in seeing any data from an independent evaluation of the FUSUS system.”

Answer:

The FUSUS system is implemented in 130 jurisdictions to include Atlanta, and Orlando. These agencies are independent of FUSUS and independent of Columbia. They have widely reported success in apprehension for murders and other serious crimes. FUSUS has also been used to find missing (walk-away) at-risk people. In addition to apprehension, this platform allows police to communicate in real-time during critical incidents.

Questions from Mr. Foster:

Question:

“What data will be accessed in one place?”

Answer:

This answer, as it relates to slide 3 of the presentation, is the camera information, registry information, and the ability to send and notifications can be done from a single computer.

Question:

“To whom are text alerts sent and by whom? Are records kept of texts sent to police through this app? Who would have access to those records?”

Answer:

FUSUS Notify is the system by which a person with the authorized permissions could send alerts during an incident. These permissions will be given at a supervisory level and will be included in the policy.

Outbound notifications are logged and stored within the system’s audit trail functions. Inbound tips are stored in the evidence vault within the system. Access will be similar to all other reported tips and can be individualized for that purpose.

Question:

“If a camera is “always-on,” does this mean it is always monitored or that it could be monitored at any time? If so, who will monitor?”

Answer:

Camera footage is maintained by the owner until it is downloaded for evidence purposes. In some instances, a business/school may give us access to view a live camera and/or recover video clips. These are based on the owner’s preference. We do not have personnel assigned to monitor cameras and would view cameras in event –specific situations. All accesses are logged and are available for audit.