

TRANSPARENT

Public Safety Video System

334.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidance for the use of the South Bend Police Department's video management system, video processing systems, and Real Time Crime Center technology platform.

Current tools

A. Video Management System (VMS)

Milestone is the Department's current VMS and primary application for viewing and retrieving video from the public safety cameras owned and operated by the City of South Bend.

B. Real Time Crime Center Technology Platform

The City's current Real Time Crime Center Technology Platform is Fusus. The Fusus Real Time Crime Center technology platform consists of fususONE, fususOPS, fususALERT, fususREGISTRY, fususTIPS, fususVAULT, and the fususCORE hardware appliance.

Fusus pulls together data and video from several other sources and systems. As of this policy, those systems include FLOCK, CommandCentral, Milestone, Necam, Utility, and ADSI.

334.2 POLICY

The South Bend Police Department operates a public safety video surveillance system to complement its anti-crime strategy, to effectively allocate and deploy personnel, and to enhance public safety and security in public areas. Cameras may be placed in strategic locations throughout the City to detect and deter crime, to help safeguard against potential threats to the public, to help manage emergency response situations during natural and man-made disasters and to assist City officials in providing services to the community. Video surveillance in public areas will be conducted in a legal and ethical manner while recognizing and protecting constitutional standards of privacy.

334.3 OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

Only department-approved video surveillance equipment shall be utilized. Members authorized to monitor video surveillance equipment shall only monitor

- Public areas where no reasonable expectation of privacy exists
- Public activities where no reasonable expectation of privacy exists