

Birmingham Police Department

Surveillance Camera Program



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Surveillance Camera Registration

Do you currently utilize private video surveillance at your home or business? If you do, the Birmingham Police Department would like to hear from you. Video surveillance is one of the best methods for apprehending criminals and convicting suspects who are caught in the act of committing a crime. Installing video surveillance is a great example of community-police partnerships and is something we highly value as a police agency serving our community.

The Birmingham Police Department is committed to our partnership with the residents and business owners in our community. Many business owners and residents currently operate surveillance systems at their businesses and/or homes. As crimes occur nearby, they are not always aware that their system may have captured pertinent information that could help facilitate our investigation, thus keeping our community safer. We ask residents and business owners throughout the City to register their privately-owned surveillance camera systems. As we investigate criminal incidents, we may be able to use the information or footage gathered from your system to assist in the apprehension and prosecution of the criminals involved. After registering your camera, you would only be contacted by the Birmingham Police Department if there is a criminal incident in the vicinity of your security system. Police personnel, if necessary, may request to view your footage in order to assist in the investigation.

If you have a surveillance system that connects live streaming video to a publicly available access point, providing access information to the Birmingham Police Department could be very useful in emergency situations. Officers need to view a large scale area as quickly as possible through the Department's Real Time Crime Center. Help us make Birmingham a safer community and place where criminals are disinclined to commit crimes!

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New Registration
 Update or Change Existing Info
 Deactivation Only (Fill out the 1st Two Blue Areas)

Security Camera Registration helps citizens and lawenforcement partner in preventing and solving crimes using your security cameras. Simply register your home or business cameras by filling out the information below with as much information as you know.

Type of Location: Residential _____ Address _____ Other _____ Describe if Other _____

Business _____ Business Name / _____ Business Phone: _____

Contact Information:

Name _____ Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email: _____

Alternate Person's Contact Information:

Name _____ Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email: _____

Security Camera Information:

Number of Outdoor Cameras at the Location: _____ Image Retention Period: _____
How Long is Footage Stored Before Deletion?

Camera Locations (check all that apply):

Location Camera Recordings Capture (Check all that Apply):

Location Camera Recordings Capture (Check all that Apply):

Front Yard
 Back Yard
 Driveway
 Front Door
 Back Door

North Side of Location
 South Side of Location
 East Side of Location
 West Side of Location
 Patio

Other _____
Describe any other views this camera records – (Examples: Roadway at 100 Adams St. / Corner of 27th St and 5th Ave No.)

Type of Camera: IP Network Wireless IP DVR Wired Other (Describe) _____

How Recorded: DVR VCR CD/DVD Rom PC Hard Drive Other (Describe) _____

Camera Brand: _____ File Format: MPEG4 Other/Unknown _____ Output: Color Black & White

Windows Media Player Compliant: Yes No Is Video Live Streaming and available for Public Access? Yes No

Access Information: _____

Other Information:

Is there any additional information about your cameras or what they depict that you wish to tell our Detectives? Is there any additional information about your camera system and how it operates that you wish to tell our Detectives?

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DISCLAIMER & TERMS OF USE:

The goal of this security camera registration program is to deter crime and promote public safety. Any footage related to criminal activity may be collected by the Birmingham Police Department for use as evidence.

Information is reserved for official use by the Birmingham Police Department. If necessary, the Birmingham Police Department will contact you to request the appropriate video surveillance footage. The Police Department will not request to tap in or access private video surveillance cameras that are not available through public access. The program is not intended for active surveillance or monitoring of surveillance cameras. Information related to security systems that is provided by our partners will be stored in a secure database where only police personnel will have access to it.

Under no circumstances shall registrants construe that they are acting as an agent of the Birmingham Police Department through this security camera registration. Registrant should take steps to ensure that security cameras are not pointed to areas where others may have a reasonable expectation of privacy. Security cameras with audio should not be used without adequate and reasonable warning that audio recording is in use, and audio should not be used if it would result in criminal eavesdropping in violation of §13A-11-30, et seq., Code of Alabama.

By submitting this form, you are aware of and consent to the release of video imagery to the public/media as necessary for any Birmingham Police Department Investigation, or to requesters, as may be required under the Alabama Open Records Act.

Registrants also agree not to release any video footage or still images to the media without consulting with the Birmingham Police Department.

Important -Your signature is required for processing and as your acknowledgement and agreement to comply with all terms and conditions herein:

Sign Here: _____

_____ Date

Please submit all completed registration forms to the Office of Administration at

RTCC@birninghamal.gov