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To: Council Member Denzel McCampbell

From: Crystal Perkins, Director *CP*
General Services Department

Date: October 5, 2026

Re: LIGHTS AND CAMERAS IN PARKS

1. The project is described as taking place at four parks and utilizing two different forms of surveillance; however, only the lump sum of \$2,018,005.00 is listed as the cost. What is the breakdown of costs for each technology and the implementation at each park? And are these costs one-time and/or ongoing?

III. System Fees

City of Detroit

Park Lighting and Camera
Project

	ITEM	COST	QUANTITY	UNIT	TOTAL COST
1	Chandler Park Network Connectivity, Design and Build	\$591,535.70	1	LS	\$ 591,535.70
	Camera / Server Licenses	\$697.64	30	EA	\$ 20,929.20
	3-Year Support	\$56.27	30	EA	\$ 1,688.10
a	Cameras	\$2,319.00	30	EA	\$ 69,570.00
b	Speakers	\$655.00	12	EA	\$ 7,860.00
	Sub-total				\$ 691,583.00
2	Eliza Howell Park Network Connectivity, Design and Build	\$208,268.70	1	LS	\$ 208,268.70
	Camera / Server Licenses	\$697.64	30	EA	\$ 20,929.20
	3-Year Support	\$56.27	30	EA	\$ 1,688.10
a	Cameras	\$2,319.00	30	EA	\$ 69,570.00
b	Speakers	\$655.00	12	EA	\$ 7,860.00
	Sub-total				\$ 308,316.00



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3	Maheras-Gentry Park Network Connectivity, Design and Build	\$391,968.52	1	LS	\$	391,968.52
	Camera / Server Licenses	\$697.64	28	EA	\$	19,533.92
	3-Year Support	\$56.27	28	EA	\$	1,575.56
a	Cameras	\$2,319.00	28	EA	\$	64,932.00
b	Speakers	\$655.00	10	EA	\$	6,550.00
	Sub-total				\$	484,560.00
4	Rouge Park Brennan Pool Area Network Connectivity, Design and Build	\$158,728.16	1	LS	\$	158,728.16
	Camera / Server Licenses	\$697.64	24	EA	\$	16,743.36
	3-Year Support	\$56.27	24	EA	\$	1,350.48
a	Cameras	\$2,319.00	24	EA	\$	55,656.00
b	Speakers	\$655.00	10	EA	\$	6,550.00
	Sub-total				\$	239,028.00
5	Eliza Howell Park Lighting, Design and Build	\$189,276.00	1	LS	\$	189,276.00
a	Trench in Conduits	\$204,938.00	1	LS	\$	204,938.00
b	Foundation Install and Pour	\$2,090.00	11	EA	\$	22,990.00
c	Pole Set 25-30 ft	\$2,560.00	11	EA	\$	28,160.00
d	Lighting Fixtures	\$1,024.00	11	EA	\$	11,264.00
	Sub-total				\$	456,628.00
6	Rouge Park Brennan Pool Area Lighting, Design and Build	\$137,934.00	1	LS	\$	137,934.00
a	Trench in Conduits	\$119,570.00	1	LS	\$	119,570.00
b	Foundation Install and Pour	\$2,090.00	10	EA	\$	20,900.00
c	Pole Set 25-30 ft	\$2,560.00	10	EA	\$	25,600.00
d	Lighting Fixtures	\$1,024.00	10	EA	\$	10,240.00
	Sub-total				\$	314,244.00
7	Additional Services	\$205,641.00	1	EA	\$	205,641.00



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	TOTAL - Park Lighting and Camera Project				\$ 2,700,000.00

* “Additional Services” includes indirect, non-permanent costs and administrative requirements necessary to manage and support a project, ranging from permit fees, bonds, insurance, mobilization, general conditions, site restoration, and System close-out as directed and approved by the City.

2. The purpose statement is to “build a lighting and camera system that provides consistent, reliable lighting and security for park visitors.” However, it does not explain why that purpose matters. ***Please provide documentary evidence, including historical incidents and complaint data points, that shows the need for this intervention at each park.*** Council is being asked to weigh the need for these technologies without evidence of that need.

Answer:

GSD Security has maintained documentation of security-related activity at Chandler Park, Eliza Howell Park, Maheras-Gentry Park, and River Rouge Park since 2024. This information includes both formal incidents and documented patron/park contacts and provides historical data demonstrating the continuing need for adequate lighting, camera surveillance, and security presence within these 4 parks. This does not include all the other parks, recreation centers, municipal buildings, DPD tow lots, and the other various responsibilities for GSD Security.

For purposes of this data, an incident is an event in which GSD Security receives or initiates a complaint involving criminal or non-criminal activity that warrants an incident report. When criminal activity is involved, GSD Security coordinates with the Detroit Police Department (DPD), and the criminal activity is supported through DPD’s crime-reporting system.

A patron and or park contact is different from a formal incident. Patron and or park contacts involve non-criminal activity where security personnel make a site visit at a park and or makes contact with an individual to address a concern, correct behavior, enforce park rules, provide direction, or resolve a situation, but the circumstances do not warrant a formal incident report. These contacts are documented on security personnel daily log sheets and therefore provide an additional measure of security activity that would not necessarily appear in traditional crime statistics.

2024: GSD Security documented 15 incidents and 246 patron contacts across the four parks. Chandler Park recorded 6 incidents and 77 patron contacts; Eliza Howell Park



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recorded 1 incident and 33 patron contacts; Maheras-Gentry Park recorded 0 incidents and 58 patron contacts; and River Pough Park recorded 8 incidents and 78 patron/park contacts.

2025: GSD Security documented 21 incidents and 253 patron contacts. Chandler Park recorded 8 incidents and 75 patron contacts; Eliza Howell Park recorded 3 incidents and 32 patron contacts; Maheras-Gentry Park recorded 2 incidents and 68 patron contacts; and River Rough Park recorded 8 incidents and 78 patron/park contacts.

2026: GSD Security has documented 12 incidents and 191 patron contacts. Chandler Park recorded 4 incidents and 60 patron contacts; Eliza Howell Park recorded 0 incidents and 30 patron contacts; Maheras-Gentry Park recorded 4 incidents and 56 patron contacts; River Rough Park recorded 4 incidents and 45 patron/park contacts.

From 2024 through the current 2026 reporting period, these four parks account for 48 documented incidents and 680 patron/park contacts, representing 728. security-related interactions. Importantly, the patron/park-contact data demonstrates that security activity within the parks extends well beyond events that result in formal crime or incident reports.

This historical information supports GSD's position that consistent and reliable lighting and camera surveillance serve an important public-safety purpose. Technology provides greater visibility of public areas, enhances situational awareness, assist security personnel in identifying and responding to activity, and provide additional information when investigating reported incidents. They also complement—not replace—the physical presence of GSD Security personnel, contracted security officers, and DPD when police intervention is required.

Accordingly, GSD's justification for these technologies is based not solely on reported criminal activity, but also on three years of documented security interactions and operational experience within these parks. The incident reports, DPD crime-reporting information when applicable, and GSD Security personnel log sheets provide the underlying documentary evidence supporting this assessment.

3. Also, there is no discussion as to why ***lighting and camera surveillance were chosen.*** ***Why were they chosen?*** Please provide peer-reviewed studies of each technology's

Answer:

Lighting and camera surveillance were selected because they are core components of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), a proven public safety framework focused on increasing visibility, deterring nuisance activity, and improving situational awareness.



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Why Lighting? High visibility lighting eliminates dark zones, increases natural sightlines for park visitors, and acts as an immediate physical deterrent to nighttime activity.

Why Cameras? Camera surveillance extends the reach of GSD Security across large park properties without requiring permanent static guards at every site, while capturing usable video evidence for Detroit Police Department (DPD) investigations.

Why Both Together? Cameras require proper lighting to produce clear, actionable footage. This combined approach directly mirrors DPD's successful Project Green Light model, where high-definition video is paired with mandatory enhanced lighting to improve public safety, public confidence and speed up police response times.

Peer-Reviewed Evidence & Academic Research:

The selection of these technologies is supported by independent criminological research and national studies evaluating public safety interventions:

- Improved lighting reduces crime by 21% to 36%
- A major systematic review by the Campbell Collaboration (Welsh & Farrington) analyzing public lighting interventions found a 21% overall reduction in crime in well-lit public areas compared to unlit control areas.
- A landmark study by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) (Chalfin et al., 2021) evaluated municipal lighting interventions in public spaces and found a 36% drop in overall index crime.
- CCTV Surveillance reduces crime by 13%
- A comprehensive 40-year meta-analysis published in Criminology & Public Policy (Piza et al., 2019) demonstrated a 13% overall reduction in crime in areas with camera coverage, with the largest reductions occurring in property crime, vehicle theft and park amenities.
- The study highlighted that camera systems are significantly more effective when combined with adequate street and park lighting.

4. ***Were any non-surveillance options considered?*** If so, please list what was considered and why they were dismissed as options. If not, why not?

Answer:



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Yes, non-surveillance options were evaluated, and physical patrols are currently deployed across city parks. However, non-surveillance methods alone, such as increased mobile vehicle patrols or community oversight were determined to be insufficient as standalone solutions for comprehensive park safety. Rather than replacing physical security, lighting and camera surveillance were chosen to integrate with and multiply the effectiveness of ongoing patrols.

- Increased vehicle patrols were considered; however, opportunistic nuisance behavior and rule violations occur in the gaps between officer visits.
- Dedicated security guard posts were considered; however, they are highly labor intensive, costly and limited to foot patrols/non-motorized patrols.
- Passive physical barriers and signage are being utilized as part of the holistic approach.
- Non-surveillance options are actively maintained, but physical patrols alone cannot deliver continuous public safety across expansive park acreage. Combining physical patrols with fixed lighting and camera technology provides a balanced, fiscally responsible, and comprehensive security infrastructure for Detroit's public parks.

B. Sections 5 and 6: (5) Civil Rights/Liberties Impacts and (6) Authorized Use

5. The report states that GSD will "limit access to the video technology based on the member's role in Park Security" and that "GSD will strictly enforce their policies on the use of video technology" in order to "safeguard the public from potential adverse impacts."
 - a. Please define the "Park Security" role. Are these employees of GSD? How many personnel are in that role? Is it all "Park Security" or just the personnel stationed at one of the four parks?

Answer:

Park Security consists of a hybrid workforce managed directly by the General Services Department (GSD):

- 11 GSD employees: Permanent, full-time city of Detroit staff who oversee, supervise and manage security operations.
- 8 Contracted Security Partners: Vendors that utilize their workforce to fulfill contractual obligations to the city of Detroit. Access to live and recorded camera feeds is strictly role-restricted and limited to authorized GSD Security supervisory and dispatch personnel, it is not an open, unrestricted system for all



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field personnel. Access is controlled based on operational necessity to protect civil liberties and safeguarding public privacy.

GSD recognizes the vital balance between public safety and constitutional privacy rights. The camera system is explicitly not an unrestricted or passive mass surveillance tool. Its authorized use is governed by strict parameters:

- **Public Area Limitation:** Cameras are installed strictly in public outdoor zones (parking areas, major pathways and park entry points). Surveillance in restrooms or changing facilities is strictly prohibited.
- **Role Based Access Controls:** Video feeds are restricted to GSD Security Dispatch and designated GSD supervisory staff. Contract officers in the field do not have access to system controls or raw archives.
- **Proactive Oversight:** Access logs and system usage are audited to prevent misuse, unauthorized viewing, or copying of video footage.

We currently have a “Roving Patrol” from May 1st through October 31st. This roving patrol consists of contract vendor security personnel and GSD city employees assigned to manage and supervise this detail. GSD-Security Parks Patrol provides a visible, proactive security presence throughout designated City of Detroit parks during the seasonal operating period. The primary mission is to support a safe, welcoming, orderly, and accessible environment for residents, visitors, employees, and community partners. Parks Patrol personnel serve as a preventive security resource and a direct point of contact between park patrons, GSD Security, and emergency services when necessary.

Core Roles and Responsibilities:

Park Opening & Closing: Conduct scheduled opening and closing of assigned parks in accordance with established park operating hours. Officers inspect accessible areas, gates, parking lots, and other designated locations before opening and prior to securing the park at closing. During closing, officers provide appropriate notification to patrons, facilitate an orderly departure, conduct a final patrol, and secure designated entrances and gates.

Preventive Safety & Security Presence: Maintain a highly visible security presence through proactive mobile and foot patrols. Patrol activities are designed to deter criminal activity, identify unsafe conditions, discourage violations of park rules, and address potential concerns before they escalate.

Capacity & Crowd Management: Assist with monitoring park attendance and capacity, particularly during periods of increased activity, special events, weekends, and holidays. Personnel support safe pedestrian and vehicle movement and communicate developing crowd or capacity concerns to GSD Security supervision and Dispatch.



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Park Rules & Regulations: Promote voluntary compliance with established City and park rules. Officers address prohibited or disruptive behavior, unauthorized activities, after-hours presence, improper vehicle activity, and other conditions that may negatively affect the safe enjoyment of the park.

Complaint Response & Documentation: Receive and respond to complaints involving criminal and non-criminal activity. Incidents requiring formal action are documented through established GSD Security procedures and, when appropriate, referred to the Detroit Police Department or other responsible agency. Non-criminal patron contacts that do not warrant an incident report are documented through security activity/log records.

Patron Assistance & Customer Service: Serve as a readily identifiable resource for park visitors by providing directions, information, assistance locating park amenities, support with vehicle or parking concerns, lost-and-found assistance, and other reasonable services. Parks Patrol should balance security responsibilities with professional and respectful customer service.

Emergency Response & Coordination: Identify and report emergencies and promptly request appropriate police, fire, or EMS assistance. Officers help establish a safe environment until emergency responders arrive and provide information necessary to support the response.

Hazard & Condition Reporting: Identify safety hazards, damaged property, lighting issues, unsecured areas, vandalism, suspicious activity, or other conditions requiring attention. These concerns are communicated to GSD Security Dispatch, supervision, or the appropriate GSD division for corrective action.

Special Events & Community Activities: Provide security support for authorized park events and high-attendance activities, including crowd observation, access management, traffic and parking assistance, patron direction, and coordination with event organizers and public-safety partners.

Communication & Accountability: Maintain regular communication with GSD Security Dispatch and supervisory personnel, document significant activity, and immediately communicate conditions requiring additional resources or management attention. Our operational experience has demonstrated that cameras can provide valuable situational awareness regarding conditions occurring in and around public recreational spaces.

Camera systems have assisted GSD Security in monitoring such matters as:

- a. Park capacity and large gatherings;
- b. Unauthorized or unpermitted gatherings and events;
- c. Developing disturbances and other potential public-safety concerns;



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d. Conditions requiring deployment of security or other City resources; and Post-incident review when appropriate and authorized.

Capacity management is particularly important.

Once a park reaches or exceeds a safe capacity, managing pedestrian and vehicle movement and maintaining access for police, fire, EMS, and other emergency personnel can become increasingly difficult. Early identification of developing conditions allows GSD Security to take a more proactive and measured approach rather than waiting until a situation has escalated.

The cameras therefore represent one component of a broader security strategy that includes lighting, uniformed security personnel, roving patrols, dispatch operations, communication, physical security assessments, and coordination with public-safety agencies.

- b. What are the current policies, how will they be enforced proactively and reactively, what are the consequences for misuse, and how are the wrongly surveilled individual(s) notified?

Answer:

GSD Security maintains a strict zero-tolerance policy regarding the improper use of surveillance technology. City camera systems are governed by the following core prohibitions:

- **No Personal Use:** Cameras may never be accessed or viewed for non-official, personal reasons.
- **No Harassment or Discriminatory Monitoring:** Targeted surveillance based on race, gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or other protected classes is strictly prohibited.
- **No Unauthorized Investigations:** Surveillance is limited to public safety monitoring and authorized incident response; officers cannot conduct independent, unapproved investigations.
- **Protection of Constitutional Rights:** Monitoring individuals solely for engaging in constitutionally protected activities (e.g., free speech, peaceful assembly, public gathering) is strictly prohibited.

Any allegation that a GSD employee improperly accessed or used surveillance technology would be reviewed through the appropriate City investigative and administrative process.



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Where substantiated, misuse may result in corrective or disciplinary action consistent with City policies, collective bargaining requirements where applicable, and other governing requirements.

6. Will these surveillance cameras be connected to the Detroit Police Department's Real Time Crime Center?

Answer:

Yes. The proposed park security camera systems will be integrated with the Detroit Police Department's Real Time Crime Center (RTCC). Connecting these cameras to the RTCC establishes a direct link between park operations and emergency response infrastructure, ensuring that critical incidents in public parks receive immediate, coordinated public safety support.

7. *Under prohibited uses, why is targeting First Amendment activities absent?* Public parks have a rich history of being used for congregating and engaging in First Amendment activities like protesting and religious expression.

Answer:

GSD Security fully affirms that public parks belong to the community for expression, assembly and recreation. Surveillance technology is governed by strict content-neutral boundaries to ensure it protects and never infringes upon the constitutional rights of park visitors.

C. Sections 7-9: (7) Data Collection, (8) Data Protection, (9) Data Retention

8. GSD writes that "after careful consideration, GSD cannot identify any instance or situation in which legally protected information may be collected by the proposed technology." This is concerning given that, as stated above, public parks have a rich history of being used for First Amendment-protected activities, where families play, and communities host events. This also fails to consider and address any Fourth Amendment protections related to warrantless, suspicion less surveillance. ***I ask that GSD please reconsider its answer.***

Answer:

GSD Security recognizes and respects the concerns regarding both First and Fourth Amendment protections in public parks. To clarify, GSD's operational framework acknowledges that while cameras observe open, public outdoor spaces where individuals generally have lower expectations of privacy, warrantless or suspicion less surveillance targeting specific individuals is strictly prohibited. If any recorded video footage inadvertently captures constitutionally or legally protected activity that serves no



legitimate public safety or investigative purpose, GSD policy mandates that such footage will be permanently purged and deleted from system archives in a timely manner.

9. Now that a vendor has been selected, Bayview Electric Company, LLC, please go into more detail on the video surveillance procurement process the vendor will engage in, what data collection and retention policies will be in place, and what proactive data protection measures will be in place. The report does not go into detail. Other questions to consider include where the data will be stored (on city-owned services or 3rd-party How will "Park Security" access the live feeds and stored data? How is access logged? Will the vendor and the camera vendors have access to the feeds, and how is their access logged? What proactive steps will be in place to ensure data is not hacked and misused by either city employees, vendors and subcontractors, or outside entities? Will there be sharing agreements with other city entities and outside entities? If so, how will those be entered into, what is the approval process, and what protections exist for Detroiters?

Answer:

Bayview Electric Company LLC's role is limited to the installation and configuration of the video surveillance and lighting equipment at the parks in accordance with the contract. Bayview will not operate the video surveillance system, monitor camera feeds, or have ongoing access to the video data.

Video Storage and Retention

- All video generated by the park security cameras will be stored within the City of Detroit's on-premises Video Management System (VMS).
- Video retention will be managed through the VMS.
- Authorized GSD Security personnel will access live camera feeds and recorded videos through the City's VMS. Access will be based on an individual's job responsibilities and business need.

Data Protection and Cybersecurity

Protection of the video surveillance data is the responsibility of the City of Detroit Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). The park cameras will operate within the City's existing technology and cybersecurity environment rather than as a separate vendor-controlled video system.

DoIT applies security controls to protect the VMS and associated video data, including controlled user access, network security protections, account and permission management, system logging and auditing, security updates and patching, and monitoring of City technology infrastructure. These controls are intended to reduce the risk of unauthorized



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access, disclosure, alteration, or misuse by City personnel, contractors, vendors, or outside entities.

Data Sharing

Internal access and use of park security videos will be governed by the General Services Department (GSD). Access is not automatically provided to other departments merely because the video is maintained on a City system.

Any proposed sharing of surveillance data with an outside entity must comply with applicable City data-sharing requirements. Where required, data sharing must complete CIOGS specification report. This process provides an additional level of review concerning the purpose of the technology, authorized use of the information, access, privacy, security, retention, and other protections applicable to Detroit residents.

D. Sections 10-11: (10) Surveillance Data Sharing and (11) Demands for Access to Surveillance Data

10. GSD claims “it will only share information with government entities or third parties in accordance with a duly authorized data-sharing agreement. Under no circumstances is a member authorized to share information for the purpose of assessing immigration status or enforcing immigration laws.” As we have seen in reporting on Flock, CPB and ICE can still gain access through other sharing agreements, even if no data-sharing agreement is in place. ***How will GSD ensure this claim is followed?***

Answer:

The City has control over the video surveillance system and the data it generates. Unlike systems where surveillance information may be maintained in a vendor-operated network and potentially accessible through other participating agencies, the park surveillance video will be stored within the City of Detroit's on-premises VMS. Any external data sharing will follow the City's data sharing policy.

11. What is the process for entering into data-sharing agreements, and will Council be notified and/or approve such agreements? Will this project be brought into existing data sharing agreements? If so, what are all the agreements, and please provide the MOU and other agreement language for each one?

Answer:

The CIOGS Specification Report will be updated to specifically identify the external governmental agencies and third parties with whom surveillance data may be shared. This



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will provide transparency regarding data sharing and allow both City Council and the public to see which external entities are authorized to receive the data.

12. What is GSD's policy for sharing data with other entities (city or outside) that do not have a data-sharing agreement in place? Does GSD require a judicial warrant at that Point?

Answer:

GSD does not share video data with outside entities or third parties without a valid judicial warrant, court order, or subpoena.

However, data may be shared with designated City public safety agencies including the Detroit Police Department (DPD), Detroit Fire Department (DFD), Detroit Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) and Detroit Animal Care and Control (DACC) to support active emergency responses, criminal investigations, animal welfare/dangerous animal enforcement and joint public safety operations.

Data Sharing Framework

- City Public Safety Agencies (DPD, DFD, DHSEM and DACC): Authorized public safety partners have access to recorded footage and in the case of DPD video feed footage for real time incident management, emergency response, enforcement of dangerous animal/cruelty laws in park grounds, and official criminal investigations.
- External & Non-Public Safety Entities: Outside law enforcement agencies, private organizations, or entities without a Council-approved Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) cannot receive video data through informal requests. Access requires a judicial search warrant or subpoena.
- Public Information Requests: Requests from the general public or media are processed through the official Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process, with appropriate privacy redactions applied.

All video releases, exports, and interagency transfers are logged in audit trails to maintain chain of custody and ensure full compliance with City privacy policies.

13. What is GSD's policy on withholding requests for access to video surveillance for activities that do not break local or Michigan law, like reproductive care?

Answer:

GSD does not independently authorize external access to surveillance footage. Request must follow the City's Law Department policy and FOIA for review under Michigan law,



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applicable court orders or legal process, and City policy. GSD does not voluntarily release surveillance footage for the purpose of investigating or penalizing activity that is lawful in Michigan, including lawful reproductive healthcare. Any disclosure determination considers applicable privacy, security, and law-enforcement exemptions, as well as whether redaction is required.

14. If data is being shared, what is the sharing policy? Who will have access, who decides what and how much is shared, what requirements will the third parties have to adhere to, and how does GSD ensure that the third parties are upholding their end of the agreement?

Answer:

Data is not being shared.

15. If the cameras that are ultimately selected for surveillance utilize interstate databases for sharing, like Flock Safety and Axon, how does that impact the statements made in this Report?

Answer:

These cameras are not part of any interstate database.

E. Section 13: Training

16. The only training mentioned is “ongoing cybersecurity awareness training.” What training is that? Is it the training DoIT offers to all city employees or something else? GSD Security personnel receive the City of Detroit’s required ongoing cybersecurity awareness training. In addition, personnel who are authorized to access or monitor surveillance technology will receive specific instruction regarding the authorized use, limitations, access, security, and protection of surveillance information.

Answer:

Training will be incorporated into the onboarding and operational training of personnel who are granted access to the camera system, with refresher or updated training provided as policies, procedures, technology, or legal requirements change. Access to the system will be limited based upon an employee’s assigned duties and operational need.

The training will reinforce that surveillance technology is a public-safety tool and must only be used for legitimate City and GSD Security purposes. Personnel will be instructed regarding appropriate camera use, protection of information, unauthorized access or disclosure, and the responsibility to report suspected misuse.



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- a. What is the rhythm of those trainings, and how often will “Park Security” be required to go through the training?

Answer:

Bi-Annual training for “Park Patrol” and constant updates for GSD Security staffing.

17. Why are there no trainings on “safeguard[ing] civil rights and civil liberties, and that the use and deployment of surveillance technology will not be based upon discriminatory or viewpoint-based factors or have a disparate impact on any community or group,” especially given the concerns around implicit bias, First Amendment activities, and Fourth Amendment limitations?

Answer:

GSD Security is committed to ensuring that surveillance technology is used in a manner consistent with applicable law, City policy, and the protection of civil rights and civil liberties.

Technology will not be used to discriminate against, profile, or target an individual or group based upon race, ethnicity, religion, gender, disability, national origin, political viewpoint, or other protected status. Likewise, surveillance will not be initiated solely because an individual or group is participating in lawful First Amendment-protected activity.

Training for authorized personnel will specifically reinforce these limitations, including awareness of implicit bias, nondiscriminatory use of surveillance technology, First Amendment-protected activities, privacy considerations, and applicable Fourth Amendment limitations.

Detroit’s parks are public spaces where residents gather for recreation, community events, religious expression, demonstrations, celebrations, and other lawful activities. The presence of a camera does not change an individual’s right to lawfully engage in those activities.

GSD Security’s use of cameras is intended to focus on public-safety conditions and observable conduct—not a person’s identity, beliefs, associations, viewpoints, or protected characteristics. For example, cameras may be used to assist with crowd and capacity management, emergency response, unauthorized or unpermitted events, reported or observed criminal activity, developing disturbances, and other legitimate safety concerns.

When circumstances require law-enforcement action, investigation, or access beyond GSD Security’s administrative and public-safety function, GSD will coordinate with



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the appropriate law-enforcement agency and, when necessary, the City's Law Department to ensure that applicable legal requirements are followed.

F. Section 14: Complaints

18. Please go into more detail on the complaint process, including who from GSD has access to pspu@detroitmi.gov, how residents will know to send complaints there, and what is the review process (including timeline, actions taken, consequences for misuse of the technologies, etc.)?

Answer:

The pspu@detroitmi.gov email goes to the Parks Planning team at GSD, and it is checked on a regular basis by staff. This is as well as the broader detroitrecreation@detroitmi.gov email are posted on the park webpages for each of the parks that will receive lighting and cameras. Once the Park Planning team receives an email they typically respond within 48 hours, answering inquiries or providing requested information. For complaints or concerns the team loops in the appropriate staff person, such as the park repair team for damaged items or bringing larger concerns to GSD leadership's attention.