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Summit Police Creating Registry of Security Cameras for Future Footage Requests

SUMMIT, NJ, March 30, 2021 – The Summit Police Department is announcing the new Summit Citizen Eye Program, a voluntary registry of privately-owned video surveillance systems that will provide detectives with footage in areas where a crime has occurred to help solve it. Similar programs have been implemented in communities throughout New Jersey.

The registry will provide the police department with a map of where surveillance cameras are located throughout Summit, allowing detectives to quickly identify cameras that may have captured criminal activity. The police department will only contact participants if they believe a camera system may have recorded information that could be instrumental in solving a crime. The registry does not allow police officers to remotely access camera footage, but rather indicates where the cameras are located. The directory is confidential and only accessible to law enforcement personnel.

“We believe the Summit Citizen Eye Program is another powerful example of the valuable partnership we have with the Summit community,” explains Summit Police Chief Andrew Bartolotti. “We are asking business owners and residents to register their video surveillance systems as they could play a significant role in helping detectives to solve a crime.”

Using the geographic locations of registered cameras, the Summit Police Department will be able to directly email or call citizens in an area where a crime has occurred. Police will call or email to ask registered participants to check their surveillance system for footage recorded on a specific date and time that may have captured a suspect, getaway car, or crime. If citizens find any video evidence, they may contact the police department to make arrangements for video retrieval.

Citizens who would like to participate in the Summit Citizen Eye Program can register their cameras by filling out a form on the City of Summit [website](#). For more information, please contact the Summit Police Department Detective Bureau at 908-288-9473 or email Detective Charles Robertson at crobertson@spdnj.org or Detective Sergeant Peter Frank at pfrank@spdnj.org.

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