



CameraConnect DC

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CameraConnect DC, the Metropolitan Police Department's new community camera sharing program, gives residents, business owners, institutions, and others an additional way to help police solve crime in their neighborhood. It is clear that video footage helps MPD investigators effectively solve cases, so increasing our awareness and ability to obtain footage from more locations increases our ability to combat and solve crime.

You can help make our communities safer by registering your camera system — such as a doorbell camera or private CCTV system. Doing so gives officers advance knowledge of available sources of evidence should a crime occur near your location. **Registration is free.**

FOR RESIDENTS

- For residents who already own a doorbell or security camera at their home, we're asking you to register your devices. By registering your device, residents are telling us that there is a camera in the area that may capture something of value in the event of an incident. Should a crime or incident occur near your registered address, registrants will get an email asking them to review their recordings and upload any relevant video footage for detectives.
- Registering your cameras does not allow MPD access to your camera or video footage; it helps us identify potential sources of video evidence around a possible crime and creates a way for investigators to quickly communicate with you and ask for your help should an incident occur.
- Camera owners may unsubscribe from the registry at any time.
- There is never any fee to register your system.

See reverse for **Frequently Asked Questions**.

Register your cameras today at
mpdc.dc.gov/cameraconnectdc



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How does the camera registry work?

The **CameraConnect DC** registry is a way to easily locate the nearest cameras in a designated area during the course of an investigation, emergency event, or emergency response. In the past, investigators relied on eyewitnesses and pieced together pertinent information over days and sometimes months. The camera registry gives private residents and business owners the ability to register their cameras through an online portal, only accessible through permission, for law enforcement to quickly and easily create a map of relevant cameras.

How much does it cost to register my cameras?

Registering a camera is free. The registry makes it easier for investigators to contact camera owners for digital footage.

Can the MPD remotely access my cameras at any time?

No. Registering your camera simply means the police department will know where your cameras are located in the event of a crime or a critical incident. There is no direct access to

any privately-owned cameras and the registry is only used to request footage if an incident were to occur in their vicinity.

Who has access to the camera map?

Only authorized MPD users have access to the entire camera registry map.

Can I unsubscribe from the camera registry, and change or delete my information?

Yes. You may unsubscribe at any time by contacting us at (202) 727-8599 or emailing mpd.cctv.requests@dc.gov.

Can my cameras be accessed without my knowledge?

Only owners of registered cameras may access and view their own footage. You may receive a request for footage from a member of MPD if an incident occurs, but only you can download and share the footage with us.

What if I don't have access to a computer or Internet?

If you don't have access to a computer or Internet connection, but would like to register your system, please call (202) 727-8599.