

# Camera Registration and Monitoring Platform (FUSUS)

## 345.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide members of the Burbank Police Department with guidelines for implementing, accessing and acting on information obtained using camera registration and monitoring platforms (such as FUSUS platform and associated network). FUSUS is a collaborative public/private security network and video integration platform that expedites evidence gathering and allows for greater efficiency in responding to critical incidents or other investigations. Burbank Police Department personnel can use a FUSUS platform (such as FUSUS Registry) to more easily locate and contact camera owners in the vicinity of an event to request video footage for an investigation. The FUSUS platform can also allow Burbank Police Department personnel to view live video feeds from different sources (as a real time unified camera system), disseminate community alerts and receive communication from citizens, and can integrate license plate readers (LPRs) on the same platform. The FUSUS Real Time Crime Center in the Cloud (RTCC) extracts and unifies live video, data and sensor feeds from public and private assets, which enhances the situational awareness and investigative capabilities of law enforcement agencies. Camera owners' participation in the platform is voluntary and part of a permission-based agreement, and police access to the availability or content of camera footage is at the consent of the owner.

## 345.2 POLICY

The Burbank Police Department is committed to enhancing the safety and quality of life for Burbank's citizens, and this commitment includes integrating the best practices and standards of public safety with the continual incorporation of modern technologies. The purpose of this policy is to outline the Burbank Police Department's collaboration with citizens in the use of camera registering and monitoring platforms, such as the FUSUS video integration platform. A goal of utilizing this platform is to build community trust and increase the Burbank Police Departments ability to respond to and solve crimes. The Burbank Police Department policy for the use of a platform such as FUSUS is in accordance with applicable local, state and federal law, ensures the constitutionally-protected rights of individuals and details transparency of the use of this technology to the public. Employees access of this system for non-law enforcement purposes is prohibited by this policy and may result in discipline.

## 345.3 REGISTRATION AND INTEGRATION

The FUSUS camera registry and monitoring platform enables citizens to partner directly with the Burbank Police Department to register the location of their camera(s), and to facilitate initial and follow-up investigatory efforts in identifying and requesting video footage. Owners of private cameras can also voluntarily register their cameras with the Burbank Police Department to allow sharing of live stream video with trained and authorized Burbank Police Department personnel.

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The Burbank Police Department will not allow live stream registration or access for cameras associated with individual residences. If a camera is registered, Burbank Police Department personnel should only view footage as part of approved law enforcement activity.

Registering cameras is performed by citizens through a City of Burbank-specific web portal and is simple online process. The voluntary registration of private cameras through the FUSUS video integration platform allows for the reduction of time spent by Burbank Police Department personnel attempting to locate cameras in the vicinity of an incident, or fewer follow-up attempts to request or retrieve camera footage. Trained and authorized Burbank Police Department personnel can, using the FUSUS platform, easily locate registered owners' cameras in the vicinity of an incident, through a digital mapping feature, and can contact owners directly request relevant video footage. If a camera owner has registered their device(s) and given permission for the sharing of live stream video, Burbank Police Department personnel can access that video to facilitate investigative efforts.

#### **345.4 EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY**

Emerging technologies can raise questions in the community about government surveillance. Private cameras are connected by the FUSUS video integration platform through the FUSUSCORE appliance. This hardware (camera) is the property of the camera owner and not the Burbank Police Department. Access to and use of this hardware, and any corresponding video footage, is at the consent and discretion of the registered camera owner. The Burbank Police Department's intent in the use of this technology is to balance individuals' expectations of privacy with the public expectation that law enforcement agencies pursue and utilize camera capabilities that already exist in the community. Shared access to video footage allows the Burbank Police Department to use existing equipment and reduce the frequency or necessity of seizing hardware to access camera footage. General public surveillance without a law enforcement need will not be conducted using FUSUS. The Burbank Police Department is committed to providing law enforcement services to the community with due regard to fairness, consistency, and compliance with best practices and standards.

#### **345.5 AUTHORIZATION, ACCESS, AND TRAINING**

Access to the FUSUS video integration platform (such as FUSUSREGISTRY) will be strictly controlled within the Burbank Police Department, and limited to authorized personnel. Authorized personnel will be selected based on specific and identifiable operational needs for investigations. Absent and identifiable imminent threat to safety, employees will be required to obtain supervisor approval to access live stream video. These users will be required to attend initial training prior to being granted access to the platform. Burbank Police Department supervisors who are trained and authorized to access and use the FUSUS video integration platform should conduct periodic audits of the system to review users' access and use.

Burbank Police Department personnel should engage in community outreach programs (including demonstrations when feasible) to educate citizens on the nature, scope, and protocols of these platforms

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