



HAZEN POLICE DEPARTMENT



Hazen Community Camera Program

Do you have a private surveillance system that records video installed at your home or business?

The use of video surveillance systems is now commonplace in not only businesses, but in private homes as well. This is likely because video surveillance systems are an excellent and affordable tool that can not only deter criminal activity, but also gather evidence of criminal activity if it occurs nearby. Surveillance systems can record video footage of individuals in the act of committing a crime. That footage can serve as one of the best ways to not only aid in the investigation of the crime, but also the apprehension and conviction of the individual.

If you are a business or homeowner that utilizes a privately owned video surveillance system that records video, then we would like to ask for your help by participating in our Community Camera Program.

“... the police are the public and that the public are the police; The police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.”

*-Sir Robert Peel (1788 – 1850)
“The Founder of Modern Policing”*

How does the Hazen Community Camera Program work?

The Hazen Police Department (HPD) would like to build a stronger partnership with our community. With that being said, The Hazen Community Camera Program can serve as a great way to build that partnership - where the community and police can team up against crime.

As crimes occur within our community, many residents and business owners do not know that their surveillance system may have captured activity that could play a key role in helping Law Enforcement solve those crimes. Likewise, Law Enforcement may not always be aware of surveillance systems that may have captured critical video evidence in those areas.

The Hazen Community Camera Program allows home and business owners to register information about their privately owned video surveillance system and its capabilities. With this information, HPD can compile a list of where surveillance systems are located throughout our community. Therefore, when a crime occurs within our community, HPD would be aware of nearby surveillance systems that may have captured any activity which may help in the investigation of the crime.

The Hazen Community Camera Program is completely voluntary. You have the option to withdraw from the program at any time. Please notify us by calling 701-748-2414 or via email at jfolkerts@nd.gov.

What is the benefit of the Hazen Community Camera Program?

By registering your privately owned surveillance system and its capabilities, officers would be able to quickly identify any cameras in the area that may have captured criminal activity. After submitting the registration, HPD may request to view your surveillance footage only to assist in the investigation of criminal activity that occurred nearby.

Registering does not obligate you to agree to share your surveillance footage with Hazen Police Department.

Terms and Conditions:

- If you choose to participate in the Hazen Community Camera Program and investigators believe your video surveillance may be helpful for investigation of the crime(s) in your area, the Hazen Police Department will contact you directly using the information provided by you at the time of registration to request the appropriate video surveillance footage.
- Any and all video surveillance footage shall remain the property of the registrant until it is requested by and collected by the Hazen Police Department.
- Your voluntary participation in this program shall not be construed as an obligation to release any surveillance video to the Hazen Police Department.
- Any footage collected by the Hazen Police Department may be used as evidence during any stage of a criminal proceeding.
- If the footage is used in a criminal proceeding, the owner of the camera that took the footage will likely be called upon to testify in the criminal proceedings, should they go to trial.
- Under no circumstance shall registrants construe that they are acting as an agent/employee of the City of Hazen and/or the Hazen Police Department.
- Under no circumstance shall the Hazen Police Department utilize any information obtained to view footage/feeds directly from cameras owned by registrants.
- The information you provide regarding your video surveillance system will be for official use only but may be subject to open records requests as required by law.

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