
WAUKESHA POLICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: 06/01/14
TO: Russell P Jack, Chief of Police
FROM: Gregg Satula, Sergeant of Police
SUBJECT: 2015 budget request

I respectfully request a budget for 2015 to add to our existing camera surveillance network called Opti-Cop. We previously added to this project by using available money from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The grant changed and I can no longer apply for money for this project.

The Opti-Cop program has been a very valuable community safety addition to the downtown and several parks. It works as both a visible deterrent for crime and investigative tool. Our Dispatch Center is able to proactively monitor the areas in the vicinity of the cameras to alert officers of crimes in progress or even suspicious behavior before a crime is even committed. This project has been supported by several Alderpersons. Other City departments also have utilized this network and have even placed cameras in their areas of responsibility.

With additional money I intend on expanding the network of cameras to the outside of downtown. Depending on available cost effective technology advancements, I would also like to expand coverage to the area of College Ave and Grand Ave. This is an area which has developed over the last couple years to include several Carroll University buildings. The existing neighborhood bordered by S Grand Ave, W Newhall Ave, N West Ave, and W College Ave, is a location for a significant amount of calls for service.

The cost of each camera placed is highly variable depending on a number of logistical factors such as building owner cooperation, method of communication with the network, and any electrical work that may be necessary for placement. A camera placed on top of Associated Bank downtown cost \$15,921.73. A camera placed on top of Fire Station #1 cost \$5,780.41. As such, I am unable to provide an exact request at this time. With my previous experience from CDBG funding, I have worked with Baycom, our vendor, to spend every available cent allotted. To accommodate two additional cameras downtown and another camera at a different location that is highly frequented by residents and visitors of Waukesha, I believe I would need \$36,000.00. If less money is budgeted, I would be limited in the number or placement of the cameras.

Any consideration to this project benefits not only the Police Department, but the City as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregg Satula
Sergeant of Police

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