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Chicago's Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) supports public safety and provides assistance to residents 24/7/365. Services include 9-1-1 and 3-1-1 call centers, emergency response coordination, and traffic management. Information at chicago.gov/city/en/depts/oem.html.

OEMC Private Sector Camera Initiative

The Private Sector Camera Initiative links the camera systems of Chicago based organizations, businesses, and residential properties into the OEMC's state-of-the-art unified video surveillance network, providing Emergency Management officials and Homeland Security Directors additional points of contact throughout the City that can be accessed during an emergency.

Once integrated, camera feeds will be viewable in all Police Districts by Crime Surveillance Specialists and OEMC personnel in emergency situations.

Technical Requirements

- Cameras must view streets, sidewalks, alleys, or other public ways.
- IP (internet protocol) cameras, with an uplink speed of at least 128 MBPS, are required.
- If an analog camera is used, a site visit is needed to program the router and encoder.
- Access a list of supported devices at bit.ly/OEMC-PSCI-Devices or by scanning the QR code below.
- A public IP address, directly accessible by OEMC via the internet, is required.
- Any Internet Service Provider changes must be reported to OEMC.
- To connect to the OEMC network, equipment must be compatible with the City's Genetec VMS (video management system), which utilizes Stratocast software.

Evaluation and Integration Process

- Applicant requests questionnaire Leon.Leak@cityofChicago.org
- Applicant completes and submits questionnaire to verify compatibility.
- Applicant and OEMC execute a memorandum of understanding (MOU).
- Applicant is notified once cameras have been integrated.
- Camera integration typically takes less than one week to complete.

Scan code for Device List

More Information

If you have questions:

- Please contact the OEMC at 312-237-7144.
- Or email Leon Leak at Leon.Leak@cityofChicago.org