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TO: Chief Lawrence Weathers Chief of Police	SUBJECT: Bi-Annual Video Management Audit October 2023-March 2024
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An Audit of the Video Management system was conducted on Friday April 5th, 2024 in accordance with General Order 2023-01, Video Management System.

The FUSUS video management platform software was approved in the Mayor's FY24 budget. The process of integrating FUSUS software into the Lexington Police Department Real Time Intelligence Center began in July of 2023. This involved administrator and user level training, technology integrations with Computer Information Services, testing and evaluation of the system, and collaboration with FUSUS. In October 2023, the FUSUS video management platform was fully implemented for the Lexington Police Department and in December 2023 the platform was deployed to all sworn personnel and designated staff within the Lexington Police Department. Prior to deployment of the system, instructional material was developed for users of the system. All personnel with authorization to access the system are required to successfully complete policy review, on-line training, and pass a written test, which is managed through the Intelligence Unit and Training Section. In addition to this on-line instruction, roll call training was also conducted to further outline the expectations of use during the deployment of the VMS software.

During the period of this audit, a review of the users accessing the system was conducted and indicated the below:

October 2023 – 21 Users
November 2023 – 20 Users
December 2023 – 150 Users
January 2024 – 243 Users
February 2024 – 213 Users
March 2024 – 202 Users

All users who accessed the system are employed by the Lexington Police Department and no access was allowed by individuals not employed by the Police Department. Searches conducted in the system are for legitimate law enforcement purposes that have assisted in real time responses or supported active investigations. During this time period, no complaints or allegations of misuse were received.

The Real Time Intelligence Center (RTIC) serves as the primary user of support technology, which includes VMS and the Fusus software. The RTIC is currently employed with 3 civilian personnel along with Intelligence sworn investigators who have primary access to the VMS system. They provide direct support for operational response and investigations during primarily first shift hours 0800-1700 hours and designated community safety events/incidents. Furthermore, the RTIC serves as the designated control point for requests for digital video evidence from the system through a submission request process. All evidence is subsequently stored according to department policy.

During this time period, there were 173 requests for video assistance from officers and detectives. The VMS and FUSUS Software assisted in multiple cases throughout the reporting period. One case involved the burglary of a business. Patrol Officers were able to utilize FUSUS to locate the suspect vehicle leaving the area and were able to arrest the two suspects and recover the stolen property. A second case involved a suicidal subject where the Real Time Intelligence Center (RTIC) was used to locate the subject and direct responding Officers to the individual. The RTIC was able to provide updates and overwatch to responding Officers who were then able to de-escalate the situation and provide help to the individual in crisis.

As part of the development of the Real Time Intelligence Center the department has strategically provided access to inform community member, city leaders, and business partners on the capability and use of this system through education presentations. Unique to the Fusus platform is community partnership opportunities through Connectlex.org. This link allows community members and businesses to register or integrate cameras into the Fusus platform to directly support public safety response in Lexington. Primarily the platforms integrated cameras are currently government traffic cameras and CCTV. As of 04/05/24 there were 809 integrated cameras in the FUSUS network and 1230 registered cameras.