



# The Community Support Program

## **Goals and Objectives**

**Holding Law Enforcement Accountable  
and Solving and Deterring Crime to Make  
Communities Safer and More Enjoyable,  
and More Prosperous**

# Increased Law Enforcement Accountability

## The Community Support Program

- Acts as an **impartial observer** and recorder of activity associated with law enforcement personnel
- Provides **neutral video based evidence of the facts** at a crime scene and actions of law enforcement before and after an event
- Because its use is known, CSP provides a **deterrent effect to improper behavior** by law enforcement personnel
- Defense team support analysis can and has been used by defense legal teams to **analyze the accuracy of law enforcement statements and testimony**
- Support of defense efforts not limited to reported major crimes but require a release agreement and must abide by CSP privacy policies
- Support to defense efforts use a separate team of analysts are **defense privileged information** and are not shared with law enforcement or the prosecution.

**CSP supports community and defense team efforts and can  
Provide Video-based evidence and privileged confidential analysis**

# CSP Objectives:

## Impact Investigations and Crime

- Provides Unbiased Witness to Police Activities
- Provides Witness of Major Crimes
  - Identify potential suspects, witnesses, and accomplices at crime scenes
  - Provided an overview of events at crime scene
  - Provided addresses of suspects and others
  - Track suspects past ground based cameras for identification
- Use Provided Information to Solve Otherwise Unsolvable Crimes
  - 20-30% of murders cases currently solved, 10% of shootings
  - Provide justice to victims and families of major crimes
  - Reduce desire for revenge killings by providing justice for victims
- Dramatically Increase Deterrence within the City
  - **A crime deterred is always better than a crime solved**

# Deterrence Effect

Both Officers and Community

- **Most Important Aspects of Deterrence**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Perceived likelihood of getting caught
  - Current case clearance rate has dropped to 30% for Homicides and lower for shootings
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Perceived likelihood of getting convicted
  - Conviction rate much lower than case clearance rate
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Amount of Punishment
  - Federal Crimes/County are seen as more significant punishment

- **Best Ways to Increase Deterrence**

- Increase Case Clearance Rate – Provide critical leads to investigators
- Increase Conviction Rate – Support public trials and convictions of those caught
- Insure people know the systems exists its capabilities and that is operating in the area

- **Ways to Amplify Deterrent Effect**

- Increase the **perceived** impact on case clearance and conviction rates
- Increased public knowledge of capability
  - Brief at risk youth and people of the systems and its capability
- Publicize high profile cases results
- Support in-depth news media stories

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# Community Support Program Goals

- Help Baltimore be seen as **successfully turning around and reducing recent troubling crime trends and building trust between the community and law enforcement**
- Help supported cities reduce the crime rate by **20% to 30% in the first full year of operation.**
  - Reduce and Identify Police Misconduct
  - Solving typically unsolvable crimes
  - Catching the small percentage of people who are driving most crime
  - Increased deterrence through higher case closure and conviction rates
  - Increased deterrence through public awareness of program
- Provide **employment opportunities to local youth** for job training and experience to allow them to enter a very profitable careers in the area.

# Use of CSP Information

- Legally reviewed many times by many states and defense attorneys
- Found fully constitutional and allowable as evidence
  - 4 Supreme Court decisions directly support
  - Baltimore States Attorneys and Public Defenders have been briefed and agree
  - Even the ACLU acknowledges it is legal
- Usable in support of major crime investigations by both defense/prosecution
- Usable as evidence by both defense and prosecution
- Usable by community to investigate incidents with police
- Provides an unbiased record of what happened at a scene of an incident for use by all sides
- **All analysis done for investigation is provided in full to defense attorneys**
- Additional **confidential/privileged** analysis can be conducted for defense attorneys and is not shared with police or prosecutors

# CSP Privacy Program

- Privacy Program is Central to all Community Support Program operations
- Resolution limited to 1 pixel per person
  - no identifiable information from images – Just dots for people
  - See as many major crimes as possible
- Only look at reported **Major Crime Scenes** and people coming and going from them.
  - Someone has called and asked for assistance
  - Support analysis of community approved crimes
- All Information can be used to Observe Police Actions and Police Criminal Activity
- All Information can be used by Public Defenders and Defense Attorneys in court cases
- Information is maintained where all analysts have ever looked, what investigation it was for, and that is reviewed by management, leadership, and outside parties.
- All tracks (vehicle/people) are required to be directly associated to a specific investigation or support of Defense Attorneys
- Fully welcome outside oversight and review and will fully support their efforts
- Data securely maintained and accessed.
  - Consistent with all video camera data policies

# Benefits of 20%-30% Crime Reduction

- **70 - 105 People Saved (Not Murdered)**
- **920 to 1480 fewer shootings and aggravated assaults**
- **\$760 Million - \$1.14 Billion** saved economic impact
- Positive city publicity from significant drop in crime
- Increased attractiveness of city and community to business
  - More Jobs - more opportunities
- Increased home prices (Decreased crime discount to property values)
  - Research shows a each major crime in a community lowers house prices by up to 2%
  - Increasing home values leads to investment in houses and more jobs for painters and carpenters from community
  - Increased city tax revenue due to increased house values
- Local jobs program with strong career path
  - Allows Baltimoreans a path to 20,000 high paying local NSA/DoD intel analyst jobs

**A safer, more enjoyable, and prosperous  
community to live, work, play and raise families**