

SAFECAM PROGRAM

Do you have a surveillance camera at your residence or business? If so, Lower Gwynedd Township Police would like to partner with you to help keep your neighborhood safe.

Security cameras can be a great tool when solving crimes. But police are not always aware who has surveillance cameras and potentially vital information to help solve a crime.

Lower Gwynedd Township Police are asking residents and businesses to voluntarily register their private video surveillance systems with the department and allow officers to contact them should a crime occur in or near where the camera is installed.

The SafeCam program is 100% voluntary and does not provide Lower Gwynedd Township Police with access to security camera systems that are privately owned by participants. Your personal information will remain confidential and will not be distributed except as required by law or court order. Once registered for the SafeCam program, you may opt out of the program at any time by emailing/calling Lower Gwynedd Township Police Community Response Unit at lgpdcr@lowergwynedd.org or call 215-646-5303 with any questions.

If you would like to tell us that you have a surveillance system and allow officers to contact you, please contact the Lower Gwynedd Township Police Community Response Unit at lgpdcr@lowergwynedd.org or call 215-646-5303 with any questions.

FAQ's

Q-What is SafeCam Program?

A- The SafeCam program was launched in August 2022 by the Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department. It is a 100 percent voluntary, opt-in initiative that allows residents and businesses to register the location of their private video surveillance systems with the department. This allows officers to contact them should a crime occur in or near where the camera is installed. Opting in to the SafeCam program does not give Lower Gwynedd Township Police access to video footage until granted by the home or business owner. Interested property owners can register here.

Q- Is there a cost to register?

A- No the SafeCam program is free for all businesses and residents.

Q- Why does the Police Department need access to private video footage?

A- When a crime occurs, video footage is one of the most valuable tools available to investigators and officers. Knowing the location of video surveillance systems allows the Police

to quickly reach out to those owners and ask for their footage, instead of trying to track down where video footage exists, if at all.

Q- Do other police departments have programs like this

A- Yes. Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department is one of several agencies in the area that have similar programs, called SafeCam or otherwise.

Q- What kind of cameras could be registered?

A- Any kind of video surveillance cameras are important – video doorbells, wireless video camera systems, and home security cameras are just some of the common types. Note – registering for the SafeCam program only records the address and basic characteristics of the cameras, not the brand or serial number of the cameras.

Q- Does the police Department have direct access to my video footage?

A- No. Registering for the SafeCam program only adds an address to the Police Department's database. If a crime occurs in the area and video footage is needed, the Police Department will reach out directly to the owner to request the footage.

Q- How often will the data base be updated?

A- The Community Response Unit will reach out to the register owners each year to see if the current information is correct. Reminder's will go out in the Township Newsletter during the year as well.

Q-Can I Opt Out?

A- Yes. Once registered for the SafeCam program, you may opt out of the program at any time by emailing/calling Lower Gwynedd Township Police Community Response Unit at lgpdcr@lowergwynedd.org or call 215-646-5303 with any questions.

Disclaimer & Term of Use

The goal of the Lower Gwynedd SafeCam program is to promote public safety in collaboration between the Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department and the citizens of Lower Gwynedd Township. All registrants agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. Any video material collected by the Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department related to criminal investigations can be used as evidence during any stage of a criminal proceeding.
2. Video material provided to the Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department is reserved for official use.
3. When necessary, the Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department will contact you directly using the information you have provided to obtain video surveillance footage from your system.
4. Under no circumstances shall registrants construe they are acting as an agent or employee of the Lower Gwynedd Township /or the Police Department.
5. You agree not to release any video or picture images to media without consulting the Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department.