Surveillance Impact Report

Swift Under Door Camera
San Diego Police Department

DESCRIPTION

The SWIFT Under Door Camera is a size, weight, and power-optimized Under Door Camera that is exceptionally compact. It features four individual cameras located within a .26″ thick insertion panel which provides viewing in four directions inside a room: forward, upward/backward, left, and right. Each viewing direction is supplemented with covert 950nm Infrared LED illumination for both low-light and no-light environments.

The SWIFT Under Door Camera is equipped with a Tactical Accessory Port (TAP), which provides USB and Ethernet connectivity and an auxiliary 12VDC power input. The integrated USB and Ethernet ports and onboard 5GHz Wi-Fi allow video to be streamed to any Tactical Electronic Monitor, the TE View App on Android devices, or MANET radios. The camera contains a standby mode to help preserve battery life and provide a quick return to video within 10 seconds.

PURPOSE

The SWIFT Under Door Camera supports first responders during critical incidents by providing real-time video imagery via a thin portable wireless camera.

LOCATION

The SWIFT Under Door Camera is used anywhere the SWAT Unit is called to complete a mission assigned by an incident commander.

City of San Diego crime statistics can be viewed at Crime Statistics & Crime Mapping | Police | City of San Diego Official Website.

IMPACT

The SWIFT Under Door Camera will only be used by the SWAT Unit after being called to a location to complete a mission.

During all operations, the Camera Operator is trained only to capture visual imagery of the law enforcement contact or intended target of observation to protect the privacy of nearby uninvolved citizens and their property.

The San Diego Police Department's SWIFT Under Door Camera Surveillance Use Policy safeguards civil liberties and civil rights. The uses and deployments of surveillance technology are not based upon discriminatory or viewpoint-based factors. The Department's use of surveillance technology is intended to support and benefit the communities of San Diego while minimizing and mitigating potential impacts on the civil rights and civil liberties of community members.

MITIGATIONS

The San Diego Police Department SWAT Swift Under Door Camera provides remote camera observation and imagery during incidents involving:

- Barricaded suspects
- Hostage incidents, and
- High-risk tactical operations

The following rules and processes are required prior to each use of the SWIFT Under Door Camera:

- All requests for SWIFT Under Door Camera support can be initiated by any personnel who are or plan to be a part of a response to support a specific incident or event with a specific support objective.
- A SWAT supervisor must evaluate the request and approve the operation prior to deployment to support each incident. This SWAT supervisor is specially trained to assess the request and determine if the SWIFT Under Door Camera operation will comply with the SDPD's authorized uses for this equipment.

DATA TYPES AND SOURCES

The SWIFT Under Door Camera automatically records video to a 32GB MicroSD card. The camera operator does not manually control when the camera will record video.

The SWIFT Under Door Camera can observe live video in both the visual and infrared spectrum, commonly known as "IR," "Night Vision," or "Low-Light" vision and send the video back to the operator's display screen.

The SWIFT Under Door Camera has the capability to collect video and photographic data in the visual and infrared spectrum.

When recording is activated, the captured video is regarded as Digital Media Evidence (DME). It is treated as evidence throughout the operation until the DME is properly impounded and documented by the SWAT Officers assigned to the operation.

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All Digital Media Evidence (DME) in the form of video evidence captured by the camera is retained on a Secured Digital (SD) Card. The SD Cards and recording devices are only authorized to be in possession of SDPD SWAT team members who are responsible for collection and proper impounding actions. The SDPD SWAT team members assigned to the camera operation are also responsible for documenting this collection of evidence and the chain of custody associated with impounding the evidence.

All SDPD Swift Under Door Camera DME is impounded in the following way:

- The DME is extracted from the SD Card and placed onto a portable drive by SWAT personnel.
- This portable drive is then physically impounded in the SDPD Property room and labeled as impounded property.
- The original SD Card is purged of data and used again.

DATA SECURITY

All DME is retained within the physical camera until the SD card is removed from the camera and is not accessible to anyone remotely.

All DME is retained using an external data recorder attached to the camera. This DME is saved on an SD card within the external recording device until it is removed by SWAT personnel for impounding and is, therefore, not accessible to anyone remotely.

Once DME has been impounded, data protection becomes the responsibility of the Property Unit or the evidence.com system, and all such evidence is controlled and regulated by SDPD Procedure 3.02 – Impound, Release, and Disposal of Property, Evidence, and Articles Missing Identification marks.

FISCAL COST

The Department has two SWIFT Under Door Cameras, costing $17,105 each.

THIRD PARTY DEPENDENCE

SWAT Unit personnel do not share camera-collected DME with third-party vendors. All camera-collected DME is physically impounded in the SDPD Property Room.

ALTERNATIVES

The SWIFT Under Door Camera is a specific use tool. Its unique shape and construction allow it to provide valuable intelligence by fitting in spaces surreptitiously. Robots and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles can perform similar tasks but not in such a covert capacity.

TRACK RECORD

Numerous police agencies nationwide use the SWIFT Under Door Camera. The San Diego Police Department SWAT Unit is unaware of any reported civil rights or liberties abuses from this product.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND COMMENTS

On February 22, 2024, at 1815 hours, there was a publicly held meeting in all nine council districts in the City of San Diego. The following surveillance technologies were presented by the San Diego Police Department:

1. 836 Technologies Tactical Throw Phone
2. 836 Technologies CINT Commander II

3. FLIR FirstLook (Gen 1) Robot
4. FLIR FirstLook (Gen 2) Robot
5. ICOR Mini-Caliber Robot
6. SWIFT Under Door Camera

There were no attendees in District 1. There was one attendee in District 2. There were three attendees in District 3. There were four attendees in District 4. There were no attendees in District 5. There were no attendees in District 6. There were no attendees in District 7. There were no attendees in District 8. There were no attendees in District 9. There was one question and no comments out of the eight attendees. There were two emailed comments. There were no comments submitted to the online public comment form.

Comment #1:

> I would greatly appreciate visuals/ pictures of each technology; especially, perhaps, in the videos of these technologies. The SDPD personnel do a lovely and professional job of talking about each technology; however, the one thing that cries out to be included is a picture or some other type of visual aid of each technology. As the laymen public, we do not have a visual familiarity of what is being described. The public doesn't appear to be the intended audience of these videos.

Comment #2:

> In regards to the Speaker Request Form process - I would like a more user-friendly timing to submit our request to speak. The current timing is that our request must be submitted BEFORE the presentation ends. That means that we cannot comfortably listen to the (rather short) presentation, but must be deciding and writing up our request instead. My observation of last Thursday's meeting is that there was ample time to allow maybe a 3-5 minute break after the presentation ends for the public attendees to gather their thoughts and submit their request.

Question #1:

> Question regarding community meetings. Good evening. My name is Community Member, but everyone knows me as Community Member from the southeast San Diego area. I was always taught by my mom not to speak unless you have your facts. I noticed by looking around today that there are not a lot of people here. They talk but I don't see them here to learn the facts and to ask questions. Let's find out what is going on. That's what you guys are providing today, and I appreciate that information. That's why I'm here, to get the correct information and to ask questions that everyone wants to know.
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> I'm asking for the community to come together. They need to come to these meetings that are desperately needed to put aside all those problems that people have. If you want to learn, you have to be here to learn.
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> Also, how can we get more information online? So, we can share with the ones who can't come here. We need to be the voice for each other. Many people don't trust the badge for various reasons. But that's when we step up as a community member and as a mentor to the younger people to deliver this information. But we can't give something that we don't know if we are not

here. When I give out information, I want to be able to know that when I tell somebody something I'm giving the facts that I learned at the meeting.

I'm pleading for the community members who are mentors and leaders to be here. Not just for themselves but for the people that they are standing up for. I thank you guys for what you are doing. I do have many questions about that. There are certain things that are amazing and great for the officers, but also the personal touch part. That's something we can all work on together, and I'm sure other people have those questions. I thank you guys for giving me my time and allowing me to speak on behalf of our community.

Answer:

The notice for this community event was posted on February 14, 2024. The information can be found on the Police Department's social media sites. Our Community Relations Officers put out the information, and it's also sent out to all the council districts.

To maximize the reach of the materials presented at the community meetings, the Police Department created a link to the City of San Diego's technology website, which provides all materials for presented technologies as well as upcoming technologies and additional materials. The materials and questions/comments section can be accessed by visiting the web address below: www.sandiego.gov/police/technology. The web address was posted in conjunction with the QR code at the community meeting.

The Department also video-recorded a meeting so that it could be presented to a larger group. The benefit of the video was the capability of translating the presentation into over 100 languages, such as Spanish and other languages frequently used by the communities within San Diego, to maximize presentation of the materials to affected groups. The link to the video is at the San Diego Police Department's YouTube channel under Surveillance Technology Community Meeting 02/22/2024 - YouTube.