

## Fusus/Talen Project FAQs

- If you own a business in an area with criminal activity and the police are notified of the concerns, will DPD place cameras in the area? [This program is designed to work off of existing public cameras and cameras businesses and other entities in the private sector already have.](#)
- Do cameras work 24/7 or intermittently? [Fusus can work with either platform.](#)
- If I am out of town and someone breaks in my house or another home will my camera be activated if I'm on the FUSUS system? [The Dayton PD is not interested in including home security or doorbell cameras in the program due to much more sensitive areas where there is an expectation of privacy involved. However, to answer the question, other jurisdictions do allow these cameras. Again, the system is incident based so something would have to trigger the cameras to feed to FususOne. An alarm drop through the dispatch center would certainly be a criterion.](#)
- Is this the same system that was involved in capturing the Memphis Ten officer involved use of force that led to the death of a citizen. [Fusus is not in Memphis. However, the camera that captured that incident would be a type of camera that would be included in the Fusus system.](#)
- How is camera system (TALEN) funded? [It is funded by the Ohio Attorney General's Office \(OAG\).](#)
- Is this funded by the state taxes during trial period? [Yes. These are state tax dollars.](#)
- After the trial period, how will this be funded once fully implemented? [That is still unknown. If the OAG's office does not continue to fund it, the budget to continue would have be funded by grants or go before the City Commission for funding through the City Manager and Procurement, Management and Budget's budgeting process.](#)
- How long will it take to get the system up and running if approved? [We are hoping to get it completely up and running by the first week of March.](#)
- What does Fusus mean? [Fusus is the name of the Vendor.](#)
- Will the system work in neighborhoods/residential areas? [The system will work with any type of camera system. We will certainly want to use](#)

this technology in schools and businesses in neighborhoods, and even in outward facing areas of apartment buildings, however, at this time, the Dayton Police Department is not interested in including home security and doorbell cameras.

- Can you put cameras in problem spaces? The Fusus system is intended to work with existing cameras that are already in public spaces.
- Are you putting up cameras? We are not putting up more cameras for this project. This project is intended to work with existing cameras in the community.
- Is there a cost for the service? The Ohio Attorney General's Office is fully funding this trial period.
- Is there any legality of homeowners providing the video to the police? It is legal for homeowners to provide video to the police; it is their video. The suspect(s) has no right to privacy if they are trespassing onto the homeowner's property or is in a public space.
- If a school has the system, can you see the live feed real time? If an incident activates the system, yes.
- Does the business owner need to buy the Fusus system? Not at this time. The Ohio Attorney General's Office is fully funding the Talen Project pilot.
- What do other departments think about the system? Feedback I have seen has been positive.
- Would you consider putting up more cameras in the future? The Dayton Police Department was already planning on putting up more cameras downtown, separate from this project.
- Are Dayton public schools involved with Fusus now? No. While schools can independently buy the Fusus platform, no schools in the Dayton have done so. We hope they are a partner if this is approved by Commission.
- Is there a penalty or discipline if someone uses the information inappropriately? Yes. The policy clearly states the prohibitions of use. An Audit Trail tracks any and all users and will be accessible to Lieutenants and up.
- How will citizens and business owners know to join the program? Will the police department be going door to door? In this pilot period we will

- be looking to just include downtown. But we will send emails to all entities we think would be good candidates to participate in this program. We will advertise on the City website and social media platforms. We will go door to door where we see potential participants.
- Are cameras such as Ring or Nest doorbells compatible with the Fusus system? The system will work with any type of camera system. We will certainly want to use this technology in schools and businesses in neighborhoods, and even in outward facing areas of apartment buildings, however, at this time, the Dayton Police Department is not interested in including home security and doorbell cameras at this time.
  - Will this system replace the police presence within the community or is this meant to assist the police? This is meant to assist the police, not replace them.
  - How do we educate the citizens about this system as it is not a surveillance technology, but many believe it is? There are many aspects of this that I can illustrate to help pass this information along. First off, it is incident driven. This means that fususONE does not activate for police to see live video feeds unless there is a specific incident type that is entered in the Computer Aided Dispatch system. We do not have the ability to access the fususCORE unless that happens. Secondly, there is an automated audit trail that shows exactly who access this and when. Lieutenants and above can look at that audit trail to make sure officers are using it for legitimate law enforcement purposes. Next, the Dayton Police Department plans to notify the owner of that video every time someone access it, so they are aware who is accessing it and when.
  - Who will have access to the system? Only the police? Yes. Only Dayton Police employees can access it. There are civilian employees in the police department who will also have access. They include but are not limited to the Department's General Counsel (Lawyer), crime analysts, Police Information Specialist, and video redaction specialists.
  - What is the cost to the citizens and/or the police department? The Ohio Attorney General's Office is fully funding the Talen Project pilot.
  - Is the owner able to opt out of the program at anytime? Yes.
  - What is the benefit of this program to citizens and community members? Some of the benefits are quicker response times, improved

situational awareness, crime prevention, improved public safety, quicker and more efficient evidence gathering, and enhanced community involvement.

- Will citizens be able to see other members cameras? No.
- Do we have to give you all the footage from the live feed or can the police department access it whenever they want? If you have a fususCORE and are participating under an agreement to share video in fususONE, the police are only able to see video that goes to the fususCORE when an incident occurs that triggers the system to activate. The video on the fususCORE will be accessible to police until it is overwritten.
- What incidents would trigger a FUSUS activation? While this is customizable by participant, crimes of violence and other critical incidents where human life is at risk will be priorities.
- How does Dispatch know to activate FUSUS? The incident type entered into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) will automatically trigger the activation.
- Could other unrelated crimes be investigated while FUSUS is activated? Yes.
- What are the safeguards against abuse? There are policy prohibitions against using this technology for anything other than law enforcement purposes. There is an audit trail of all people who access the system. There will also be a notification sent to the citizen participant donor of the video telling them their video was accessed.
- What constitutes a private camera? Any camera owned and operated by a private citizen or non-government entity (businesses, apartment buildings, private school, etc).
- How do private cameras share footage if a crime goes unreported? Can the police go back and get the footage? If it is not an incident type to activate the fusus system and store it on the fususCORE, it will be standard follow up with the camera owner to request the video.
- Will Flock be part of FUSUS? Yes.
- Is the Flock camera service capable of live streaming if activated by a FUSUS incident? No. Flock cameras do not live stream.

- Will Federal cameras be a part of FUSUS? Any cameras can be part of the system. Whatever video is captured by a Federal camera is still that agency's video that will be retained by their retention programs. But they would not have access to the Fusus system.
- Is there a public research and advisory committee looking at the FUSUS technology? Not that we are aware of.
- How many cameras will come online right away? 10 downtown Milestone cameras for sure. I don't have count of the number of current City of Dayton facility outward facing cameras at the time of this writing.
- Can people sign up personal cameras? If this program is successful, at some point people will be able to take part in fususREGISTRY with their home security and doorbell cameras.
- What is the time frame to start downtown? If approved by Commission, we hope to have the system up and running by early March.
- How long a time frame till the system shows results? That is a variable based off of incidents that activate the fususONE system. If we don't have many those types of incidents, it will take longer to see those results. However, I expect we see results very quickly on the fususREGISTRY side of the program with just the reduction in time it will take for detectives to track down locations with video and to collect that video.
- What is the outcome the Ohio Attorney General's office is looking for? They have 2 objectives: 1. Does the system work (i.e. effective technology integration and effective technology assisted solutions)? And 2. Is there evidence during the multi-agency pilot that it helped solved crimes and/or improved safety?
- Who would have access to school cameras? Only Dayton Police personnel will have access to video feeds from school cameras that are part of fususONE, and then, only when a particular incident or panic button push activates them.
- Concerns on how often police can get court order to force citizens to handover video footage. Police can get already court orders and search warrants for video associated with crimes. This technology is based on cooperation from citizens/ community members to voluntarily share the information for safer and more efficient responses to incidents. It also

makes it easier for the community member to provide the police department video from their cameras.

- What is the next phase? Seek approval from the City Commission Wednesday, February 15, 2023. If approved, simultaneously start the install of fususCORES for City cameras and those private entities who have already expressed interest, while reaching out to all other entities downtown with outward facing camera systems.
- DPD said that FUSUS will not store any of the video surveillance, that it would stored in the "box" that is attached to an individual camera. However, page 2, part III, of the proposed policy mentions five different Fusus apps or technology that seem to store videos or locations of cameras (FususONE, fususOPS, fususREGISTRY, fustusTIPS, and fusus VAULT). So is Fusus actually storing the video footage captured by cameras as well as the camera registry?

No.

The “box” is the fususCORE, which stores the video in real time and what facilitates live streams within fususONE. The fususCORE belongs to the owner of the cameras and the video within. Fusus cannot touch it. If someone has a fususCORE, the Dayton Police Department can see it based on the permissions that owner gives and can download it if needed as evidence. If that is done, it becomes evidence and is subject to the rules of evidence and relative retention schedules.

The fususVault is an optional CJIS compliant case management option offered by Fusus for the storage of digital evidence after it is downloaded and becomes evidence for all cases, not just a single incident. The Dayton Police Department already has a reliable CJIS compliant digital evidence storage repository so will not be using this option from Fusus.

The camera Registry is a completely separate way of sharing video. In the Registry, participants have simply provided the Dayton Police Department with their Name, address, and contact information and the fact they have a camera. There is no fususCORE provided to them, so no Fusus employee will even visit them to install a fususCORE. Fusus will

compile the information in the Registry and plot their locations on a map. When police personnel pull up the FUSUS Registry, they can select a certain radius on the map where any incident has occurred and it will provide the police with the names and contact information for all or the Registered cameras in that area. Police can then send an email directly to all of them at one time asking if they have video of the incident and if they will share it. If they agree to share it, they can send it to the police by email or any other way they want to give it.

- On page 2 of the proposed policy, DPD mentions that the FUSUS OPS map can be accessed by "civilian and all sworn members of the department to view public and private video streams" etc. Does this mean regular people who are not employed by the police department (like me, for example), can view footage if I download this app? **FUSUS OPS is only for police personnel and only those people will be granted access to the app. Non police personnel will not have access to any data through the app.**
- Will fixed site ALPR cameras now be used to identify people present in a situation (for example, an active shooter situation) in addition to license plate images? **No. ALPRs get images of license plates and vehicles, they do not identify people. While it is possible to capture an image of a person in an ALPR image, it is not designed to search for or to identify people. The ALPR role in FUSUS would be to track a vehicle that was involved in an incident to try to locate it for further investigation. Even then, unless the vehicle parks in the line of sight of the ALPR, we only know the vehicle was in that area, not where it actually ends up.**