



RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT – VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CASE STUDY

In recent years, the city of Raymondville, Texas, located 94 miles south of Corpus Christi, saw an increase in vandalism of city-owned properties, as well as drug activity. To combat these issues, the city applied for, and then received, an \$89,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security to purchase a video surveillance system. Now, thanks to a state-of-the-art point-to-multipoint wireless network from Mountain Secure Systems, along with leading-edge remote-controlled video surveillance cameras from Monitor Dynamics, the Raymondville Police Department can keep an eye on drug dealers, burglars and graffiti vandals much easier.

To date, 22 cameras have been installed at parks, traffic intersections, water treatment plants and other key locations throughout the city. Several big monitors are installed at the Raymondville Police Department, where dispatchers can keep an eye open for suspicious activity. Many of the cameras can be manipulated by dispatchers, who can aim them directly where a problem is occurring. The cameras have the capacity to capture video as far as 500 yards out, as well as zoom in tight on subjects of interest.

Additionally, captured images can be replayed if the dispatcher needs to re-check something, or burned to a disc to be used as evidence in court. Best of all, the cameras are on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"I think the cameras will help deter crime, especially at our parks," said Mayor Orlando "Lonnie" Correa. "It will help police do their jobs a lot better."

So far, a couple of arrests have been made, thanks to the video surveillance system.

"Once we get more cameras, we will be able to see more areas of the city and catch more people in the act of committing crimes," said Police Chief Uvaldo Zamora.

A plan is in place to expand the video surveillance system when more grant funding is secured

THE SYSTEM INTEGRATOR: AVRIO RMS GROUP

The Challenge:

Respond to an increase in graffiti and drug activity.

Solution:

A state-of-the-art point-to-multipoint wireless network from Mountain Secure Systems, coupled with leading-edge video surveillance cameras and equipment from Monitor Dynamics.

*Information from this case study was obtained from articles published in *Raymondville Chronicle News* and *Valley Freedom Newspapers* (including *Valley Morning Star* and *ValleyCentral.com*).



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