

## **2021 REPORT ON THE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE MONITORING SYSTEM (CIMS) CAMERA USAGE**

There were 50 requests for a review of camera footage throughout 2021. Footage from the CIMS cameras was reviewed and recordings were made in 44 requests.

Requests that resulted in recordings being made were provided to the following:

- Outside Agencies (3)
- Evidence (34)
- Public Records Request (7)
- Traffic Division (7)

Requests that did not result in recordings being made were due to the following reasons:

- In one (1) incident, the CIMS Camera at the requested location was not functioning due to a traffic trash that struck the pole the camera was mounted on
- In one (1) incident, the CIMS Camera was unable to accurately note the license plate of the vehicle from the request
- Two (2) incidents occurred in areas out of view of the CIMS Cameras
- In one (1) incident the CIMS Camera did not record the vehicle from the request travelling within its view
- In one (1) incident, there was no explanation as to why the recording could not be made

Due to the CIMS cameras being without shrouds and therefore operating 24 hours/day, real time reviews can be done and have reduced the need to request and maintain footage.

Types of incidents that the camera footage was reviewed/requested for include:

- Public Records Request – 7
  - o Traffic Crash – 6
  - o General Request – 1
  
- Outside Agency Investigation – 3
  - o MBTA/Transit Police – 2
  - o Boston Police – 1
  
- Traffic Related Investigations – 13
  
- Criminal Investigations – 21
  - o Assault & Battery on a Disable Person – 1
  - o Assault – 1
  - o Attempted Larceny – 1
  - o Attempted Robbery – 2
  - o Check Fraud – 1
  - o Civil Rights Violation – 1
  - o Domestic Assault & Battery – 1
  - o General Investigation – 1
  - o Larceny of a Bicycle – 1
  - o Malicious Damage – 3
  - o Operating Under the Influence of Liquor – 3
  - o Operating Under the Influence of Drugs – 1
  - o Robbery – 1
  - o Traffic Stop – 3

Between January 1 and December 31, 2021:

- There were no incidents of misuse reported
- There were no violations of policy/procedure in the use of the cameras or in the retention of footage
- Because of necessary camera upgrades, the camera shrouding system no longer works. The SituCon covers did not fit with the new cameras, therefore, since July of 2015; the cameras have been functioning without shrouds and operating 24 hours/day.

Since the implementation of the CIMS Camera Program, there have been no incidents of misuse reported and there have been no violations of policy/procedure in the use or activation of the cameras or in the retention of footage. This does not account for non-functioning shrouds which require the camera to remain on.