

Monitoring Suspicious Activity at Strip Center



INCIDENT --- REPORTS OF ONGOING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY BEHIND SHOPPING CENTER

An older strip retail center is located in one of a city's declining neighborhoods. Recently there are increasing reports of suspicious activity, particularly within the south parking lot of a grocery. Employees and customers of the retailers have been reporting unauthorized vehicles briefly convening behind the store. Increased activity is observed after dark. The Center does not have a fixed video surveillance system or the infrastructure and budget to build one.

CHALLENGE --- NEED TO MONITOR ACTIVITY AT THIS LOCATION, NO EXISTING VIDEO SYSTEM

Investigators from the local police department deploy a CommandMesh™ based solution. It includes old, but reliable analog PTZ cameras from their tactical arsenal because of their low-light capability and small size. A plan is developed to deploy under-cover drop cars and conceal the cameras in the grills of each vehicle. A CommandMesh CONNECTOR unit is deployed with each camera. These vehicles are positioned unmanned in remote parts of the parking lot on both the west side and east side of the building. In addition to recording activity via the cameras, commanders deploy a response team, hidden nearby in a van, with real-time visibility of the area from their own CommandMesh video feed inside the van. The response team is positioned in an under-cover panel truck across the street and directly north of the retailer. The response team is equipped with an AgileMesh VehicleView Series™ CAR KIT which they pair with a standard laptop computer. Despite a distance of approximately one half mile, and not having line-of-sight, the response team is watching the area live, and has complete PTZ control of the cameras.



SOLUTION / RESULTS --- CommandMesh CONNECTOR & VehicleView Series CAR KIT DEPLOYED

The operation succeeds in capturing video of suspected drug dealers making transactions. The response team arrests the suspects, the area is secured and the video is stored as evidence for use by prosecutors. Investigators request that future criminal activity surveillance also utilize the 4G backhaul capability of CommandMesh enabling remote viewing of the all AgileMesh and CommandMesh compliant cameras, or any cameras connected using a CommandMesh CONNECTOR.

