

## ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE USE

This procedure is governed by its parent policy. Questions regarding this procedure are to be directed to the identified Procedure Owner.

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<b>Overview:</b>	<p>This procedure applies to all electronic surveillance located on Olds College proper and adjoining areas with the exception of devices used for instructional or research purposes. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance in establishing the responsible use and development of a campus wide security system. Images collected may be used for police, legal, criminal, and/or civil proceedings.</p>
<b>Procedures:</b>	<p><b>1. Authority</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Olds College operating under the authority of the Post-secondary Learning Act (Alberta), collects personal information by Electronic Surveillance in accordance with the provisions of FOIP which permit:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Collection of personal information for the purpose of law enforcement;</li> <li>ii. Collection of personal information that relates directly to and is necessary for an operating program or activity of the College.</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. Violations regarding Electronic Surveillance monitoring and disclosure will result in disciplinary action, consistent with the rules and regulations governing employees of the College, up to and including dismissal or termination of contract.</li> <li>c. The Vice President, Student Experience shall approve a Security Surveillance Plan annually.</li> <li>d. The Vice President, Student Experience shall designate person(s) to manage and control the use and security of camera/surveillance system and data collected.             <p>Primary Designate(s) shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Maintain a current Security Surveillance Plan to include:</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

- i. a list of fixed camera locations where electronic surveillance is employed;
  - ii. a list of temporary cameras locations where electronic surveillance is employed with record of the duration of installation;
  - iii. a catalogue of fixed camera location view to ensure the areas captured do not infringe privacy;
  - iv. a general description of the technology and capabilities of each camera;
  - v. a list of individuals authorized to monitor and access the electronic surveillance;
  - vi. a list of individuals authorized to access electronic surveillance records;
  - vii. a Privacy Impact Assessment to assess the effects electronic surveillance may have on privacy and the ways in which any adverse effects can be mitigated.
- II. Authorize access to electronic surveillance or video monitors while they are in operation.
  - III. Authorize to extract footage from the recorded electronic surveillance for disclosure or release.
  - IV. Maintain a log for any retained footage (video/still) identifying the purpose for retention.

Secondary Designate(s) shall:

- I. Access to electronic surveillance or video monitors while they are in operation.
- II. Extract footage from the recorded electronic surveillance.
- III. Disclose records appropriately.
- IV. Maintain a log for any retained footage (video/still) identifying the purpose for retention.

## **2. Location**

- a. Video cameras may be placed in selected public areas for the purpose of surveillance.
- b. The Vice President, Student Experience will review permanent camera locations to ensure the areas captured by the camera respect privacy.
- c. The Vice President, Student Experience must approve locations of temporary cameras to be used for special circumstances. Temporary camera locations will be disclosed to the Dean and/or Supervisor of the area prior to the installation of the camera, unless otherwise approved by the President.
- d. Surveillance is to enhance security for students, faculty, staff, and visitors, in addition to providing protection of physical and livestock assets, and to improve effectiveness when dealing with nuisance, vandalism, or criminal

acts by providing deterrence and detection. Legitimate activities involving Electronic Surveillance systems include, but are not limited to:

- i. Protection of buildings and property - building perimeter, entrances and exits, lobbies and corridors, receiving docks, special storage areas, laboratories, cashier locations, locker banks, etc;
- ii. Monitoring of access control systems - monitor and record restricted access transactions at entrances to buildings and other areas;
- iii. Verification of security alarms - intrusion alarms, exit door controls, etc;
- iv. Video patrol of public areas - parking lots, vehicle intersections or entrances, pedestrian walkways or hallways, etc;
- v. Criminal investigation - Robbery, burglary, and theft surveillance.

### **3. Public/Campus Notification**

- a. Signs shall be posted to notify individuals that areas of campus may be under video surveillance.
- b. Where at all possible the language on signage will be consistent across the campus.

Signage will state:

- THIS BUILDING IS UNDER VIDEO SURVEILLANCE; or
- AREAS OF THIS CAMPUS ARE UNDER VIDEO SURVEILLANCE.

### **4. Installation/Purchase**

- a. Olds College's Information Technology Department will be the initial contact point for purchase and/or installation.
  - i. All new installations in any location on campus must meet a standard as specified by Director Information Services to ensure that all cameras and devices integrate and are compatible with network/IT infrastructure and current software.
  - ii. All existing electronic surveillance or video recording systems will be evaluated for compatibility with the campus network and compliance with policy and procedures.
- b. Departments are responsible for the purchase, maintenance, upgrade of equipment installed in their facilities, and any incremental cost associated to install.
  - i. Costs to a Department purchase shall include, but not limited to: support of the security network infrastructure supporting the campus's operations, archival video or data retrieval.
  - ii. IT and Campus Facilities gives prior agreement to the installation. The actual installation may be by an external contractor.
  - iii. All systems or components are to be purchased from an Olds College approved vendor/contractor.

## **5. Use/Management of Recorded Images**

- a. Authorized persons only will access the recorded images only if there is a security based reason, if an incident has been observed, reported or is suspected to have occurred.
- b. Electronic surveillance shall not be used as an instrument for monitoring day to day employee performance or for supervision. This does not preclude the use of video recordings/captured images of the workplace for criminal investigation purposes or as evidence for prosecution of criminal acts discovered in the workplace.
- c. Legitimate use of records include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - i. security or law enforcement purpose;
  - ii. a legal proceeding;
  - iii. the provision of evidence in support of any inquiry or action associated with criminal and/or anti-social activity on campus property or the misuse of campus space or equipment.
- d. Where a person has been the subject of electronic surveillance, the person has the right to view her or his recorded images, unless refusal to allow access is required by FOIP or included in any of the discretionary exclusions to the general right of access, as set forth in FOIP. Any such requests for disclosure or release shall be processed by the Olds College FOIP Coordinator, in collaboration with primary designate(s) as approved by the Vice President, Student Experience.

## **6. Access, Protection, and Retention**

- a. All video surveillance is considered a record of Olds College, and therefore under the custody and control of Olds College.
  - i. Olds College's Information Technology Department is responsible for the secure storage of recorded images on the network system.
  - ii. Corresponding Department heads (Supervisor, Manager, Dean, Director) are responsible for the secure storage of extracted images protected as a confidential record.
- b. The College will provide reasonable security measures to prevent unauthorized access to the video surveillance.
  - i. Only authorized access to electronic surveillance or reception equipment.
- c. No attempt shall be made to alter any part of a video recording.
- d. Videos are initially recorded in reception equipment on a data collection media. Information on such a media is retained until such time that it becomes full and then the oldest video segments are overwritten by the newest segments. Recorded video images will be erased, deleted, or otherwise permanently eliminated within 30 days or as soon as segments are overwritten on the device, unless the video footage is being retained as part of a police investigation, court proceeding (criminal or civil), or internal investigation.

- e. In circumstances where recording from the surveillance cameras will be used to make a decision affecting an individual whose personal information has been captured on the surveillance images, the recorded personal information shall be maintained for at least one (1) year from the date that the decision affecting the individual has been made.
  - i. Recordings relevant to the investigation of an incident will be saved onto another permanent media, and may be retained by the college indefinitely as a permanent archive.

**7. Protection of Information and Disclosure**

- a. Personal information contained on the storage devices/recordings shall not be used or disclosed for purposes other than those for which it was collected, except with the consent of the individual whose personal information has been captured, or as required by law.
- b. All records that have been saved pending the final outcome of an incident investigation shall be numbered, dated, and retained in a secure location.
- c. Recorded images may also be used by the Boards or administrators of the CLC partners/tenants, Olds High School, or Housing contractor, as evidence in disciplinary action relating to student conduct on or about Olds College property.
  - i. Olds High School Principal authorizes appropriate disclosure and use of identified CLC related devices;
  - ii. Recorded images of non-CLC devices by partners identified in 8(c) not relating to student conduct shall be considered under a FOIP request.
- d. Information obtained through monitoring and/or recording will only be released in accordance with this policy, FOIP, or as required by law.

**8. Disposal or Destruction of Recordings**

- a. All recorded images shall be disposed of in a secure manner unless they are archived as part of a permanent record.
- b. All video recordings shall be disposed of in a safe and secure manner as directed by Olds College Information Technology Department.

**Definitions:**

**Related Information:**

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3 years

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