

How surveillance camera program has grown



2001:

Lancaster Crime Commission report recommends surveillance cameras to improve safety in the city.



Summer 2002:

Camera installed in the 200 block of East King Street captures footage used in six drug-dealing arrests, an arson investigation and a hit-and-run. In one year, police calls to the area drop 22 percent.



June 2003:

Crime Commission dissolves. Nonprofit Lancaster Community Safety Coalition forms, with an office at 262 Conestoga St. and a focus on crime prevention, including neighborhood mobilization, environmental design and video surveillance.



2004:

Cameras installed near the intersection of North Lime and East King streets and outside LCSC offices.



May 2005:

Five cameras installed at Church Street Towers and Farnum Street East, bringing total to nine.



May 2006:

23 cameras operating



Dec. 2006:

Six cameras installed at Water Street Rescue Mission, bringing total to 34.



March 2007:

Camera footage helps police make arrest in the murder of Tyquan Hall, who was shot in the 300 block of South Prince Street.



Nov. 2007:

More than 50 cameras operating



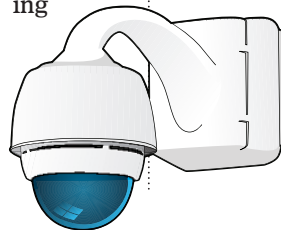
Sept. 2008:

66 cameras operating



July 2009:

135 cameras operating all over Lancaster City, with approximately 30 more expected by the end of the summer.



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