

# Video Surveillance Policy

## Purpose

University of South Alabama is committed to enhancing the quality of life for the University community by integrating the best practices of campus security. Video surveillance of public areas is a critical component of our comprehensive security plan. The University may install video surveillance systems on University property for the purpose of providing safety, deterring crime, assisting with criminal investigations, and protecting University property.

Video surveillance devices are not a guarantee for a person's individual safety or protection. However, video surveillance does serve as a useful and timely investigative aid in regard to criminal acts or omissions. Relevant and useful evidence may be obtained in order to investigate and solve a crime.

## Use of Video Surveillance Equipment

Any use of video recording equipment must conform to state and federal laws and be managed in a professional, ethical manner. Video surveillance of public areas for security purposes will be conducted in a manner consistent with all existing University policies, including the Non-Discrimination Policy and Sexual Harassment Policy (e.g., race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin) (ESC-3.002 (n4.006t)i)-3.006td004 (esc

Police unless it is explicitly excluded in this policy.

The purchase of all security related video surveillance and recording equipment must be approved through University Police Department and Computer Services Center. All security cameras and equipment/components must comply with current University standards. All surveillance camera systems must connect to the University's centralized surveillance system. Security camera video and images will be stored for a period of 30 days and thereafter may be erased, if not otherwise required for any related

record campus life activities such as sporting events or other University-sponsored events.

## Monitoring and Recording Evidence

Any information collected through the use of video surveillance equipment is considered University property and/or records. The appropriate Vice President or his/her designee in each division will be responsible for determining the specific personnel in the division who will have access to video surveillance equipment and recordings.

Upon notification of potential criminal or unauthorized activity in a particular location,

