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### City of Hemet Police Department Boosts Public Safety with Advanced Camera Technology

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**Hemet, Calif.** – At the January 30, 2024, Hemet City Council Meeting, the City Council approved a series of resolutions authorizing significant upgrades to the City's public safety camera technology. These upgrades include the acquisition of advanced Flock Condor and Falcon Cameras and the innovative Live View Technology (LVT) Mobile Surveillance Units, totaling an investment of over \$1.4 million funded through grants and strategic partnerships. This investment is a key part of the expansion of the Hemet Police Department's Real-Time Information Center (RTIC).

This initiative expands the Hemet Police Department's RTIC by adding 25 Flock Condor Cameras and 20 additional Flock Safety Falcon Cameras. This expansion, valued at \$845,500 for the Falcon Cameras over five years and \$181,250 for the Condor Cameras over two years, is designed to provide comprehensive coverage across the city, improving the Department's ability to detect and respond to criminal activities in real-time.

The City's camera network is further strengthened with the approval of four state-of-the-art LVT Mobile Surveillance Units and the accompanying three-year service agreement for software subscriptions, amounting to \$397,712.30. These mobile units are equipped with high-definition video recording, real-time monitoring, and remote access capabilities, providing flexible and effective options to address crime hotspots and enhance public safety.

The strategic placement of these camera tools, including fixed and mobile units, is based on thorough analysis and crime trend data. This approach ensures that the resources are utilized where they are most needed, offering a city-wide blanket of coverage that integrates with the efforts of law enforcement neighbors and community partners. These state-of-the-art cameras, equipped with pan/tilt/zoom capabilities and LTE cellular transmission, will be strategically positioned in critical areas, including retail centers and business districts.

"The City of Hemet is dedicated to exploring and implementing innovative solutions to ensure the safety and well-being of our community," said City Manager Mark Prestwich. "These surveillance upgrades are a testament to the City's ongoing commitment to public safety, quality of life, and the effective use of technology in crime prevention and response."

The Flock Condor Cameras and the Flock OS Video Management System enable real-time monitoring and rapid response to criminal activities. This system provides Hemet Police Officers with near-instant access to live video feeds, facilitating quicker identification and apprehension of suspects and aiding in evidence gathering.

"The Hemet Police Department continues to be at the forefront of adopting innovative solutions for public safety," says Chief of Police Michael A. Arellano. "This initiative is more than just an investment in technology; it is an investment in our community's well-being and our business partners."

This project is funded by the Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant, a collaborative effort between the Hemet Police Department and the California Board of State and Community Corrections. This project also aligns with the City's Strategic Plan initiatives to enhance public safety and quality of life for all residents and visitors.

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