Safer Together

A Spotlight on CCTV

When considering the safety and security of your home, it is important to approach the implementation of security measures with care. The following are some simple steps to help you set up your CCTV for enhanced security and peace of mind:

- ✓ Ensure that all entry and exit points are monitored, including your driveway and the street in front of your home.

- ✓ Regularly check that your system has adequate storage for recordings.

- ✓ Evaluate the quality of images captured by your cameras in both daytime and nighttime. Clear images are crucial for accurately identifying any incidents.

- ✓ To ensure the correct exposure of an image, controlling the camera's environment is necessary. The camera may need assistance through the addition of extra lighting – this is often the case after hours, or in poorly lit areas.

- ✓ The best images to identify offenders are front-on and close-up. High angled cameras mostly capture the tops of heads, and offenders often wear hats, beanies or a head dress to mask or obscure their faces.

- ✓ A wide image is good for viewing overall movement or action, but poor for offender identification, as offender images are too small to be identified. The installation of multiple cameras allows for both areas to be covered.

- ✓ Focus is paramount. Nothing can compensate for a poorly focused camera system – it will produce blurry, unusable images.

- ✓ If able, consider integrating your CCTV with sensor lights and alarms, and choose systems that send alerts directly to your mobile device for immediate awareness.

- ✓ Consider registering your system with the Community Camera Alliance, to assist police in identifying the location of CCTV in the event of any incidents nearby.

- ✓ And most importantly, when reporting a crime for which you have CCTV footage, promptly inform the police, and upload this evidence with your report. Your CCTV footage is invaluable.

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