

To: Camera Review Committee

From: Thaddeus K. Jankowski Director, Office of Public Safety, Health & Welfare

Date: July 13, 2016

Subject: Application for a Blue Light Emergency Phone with Video Camera(s) at Hatchfield Park on Richmond Hill Avenue

The Mayor's Office, the Office of Public Safety, Health and Welfare, the Stamford Police Department and the Westside community are requesting authorization for the installation of a Blue Light Emergency Phone with video camera surveillance to be installed at Hatchfield Park on Richmond Hill Avenue. The nearest approved camera is located at Carwin Park on Spruce Street.

This location is a site where crimes have occurred, illegal guns have been stashed and drugs have been confiscated. The Westside community wants to make the park safer and reduce crime. We believe the addition of Blue Light Emergency Phone Tower at this location would add increased security, as well as assist in answering the request from the community for an additional security presence in the Park.

As previously discussed the visibility of blue light emergency phones with cameras creates a sense of security. They are a crime deterrent and offer a quick notification and response in an emergency situation. If park goers are threatened, see anything suspicious, or require any type of police assistance quickly, they push the emergency button to be connected with the 911 dispatch center. At the same time, a high-intensity strobe light at the top of the phone will activate, providing a beacon for the police, firefighters or emergency medical technicians to locate the person in distress.

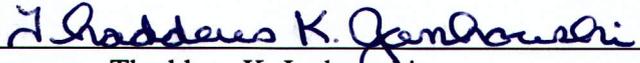
I am requesting that a Blue Light Emergency Phone be installed at Hatchfield Park to assist in preventing and deterring crime for an undetermined length of time..

We are requesting that this camera would be Surveillance Level 2 – “disclosed Public Surveillance Cameras without a Public Feed and without Monitored Surveillance (or with pre-authorized Monitored Surveillance less than 8 hours per week)”. A simple majority approval vote is required.

When the camera is placed, it will be placed to avoid any potential risk of intrusion, any risk of revealing confidential information, and avoidance of surveilling any and sensitive or secured areas (for example, windows of private property such as homes or offices). No sensitive or secured areas are included in this request.

Thank you.

Respectfully,


Thaddeus K. Jankowski
Director of Public Safety, Health and Welfare

cc: CCTV file