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Camera Monitoring System Utilized by Dallas Police in Deep Ellum

The Dallas Police Department is pleased to announce their participation in a partnership with the Deep Ellum Association and Virtual Surveillance of Plano, Texas. This is a trial project through a new program by Virtual Surveillance called "Community Links". Now Deep Ellum business owners can offer access of their surveillance cameras to the Dallas Police Department. Virtual Surveillance has volunteered to provide video camera access to test the viability of this technology in law enforcement. The Deep Ellum Association has participated by coordinating camera installation on several private businesses.

The Deep Ellum entertainment venue is being used because of the reliability of pedestrian crowds to test this technology. Deep Ellum business owners have been proactive in providing security lighting and signage to aid club patrons.

Three businesses in Deep Ellum, The Gypsy Team Room, Club Clearview and Digital Strata, have volunteered to have cameras mounted on their buildings and have offered access to their internet connections for the pilot study. This technology will allow the police department to access the real-time remote systems from computers and trial PDAs. Officers will be able to view live footage and identify crowd problems as they develop. Criminal activity can also be captured through this system.

A press conference to discuss this trial project will be held on Wednesday, December 29, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at Main and Good Latimer, outside The Gypsy Tea Room. Speakers will include Dallas Police Chief David Kunkle, Assistant Chief Danny Garcia, Deputy Chief Brian Harvey, Mark McNabb of the Deep Ellum Association, and Carol Jones from Virtual Surveillance.

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