

# ***TAHLEQUAH POLICE DEPARTMENT***

***Nate King, Chief of Police***

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Dear Tahlequah Citizen,

In reviewing the 2020 crime data it became clear like most years, property crime is one our leading crimes. The difference in the last year was theft instead of burglary was the leading property crime. This consisted of many items being taken from yards, driveways and vehicles. Many of the perpetrators roam about Tahlequah on foot and attempt several locations in a given timeframe. In an effort to combat this we are asking you to register your home security system with us. This will assist us in being more efficient during the investigation. We have titled this the Camera Canvas Project.

## **Camera Canvas**

The Tahlequah Police Department is committed to our partnership with the community and the Camera Canvas is another program to help thwart criminal activity and help solve crime. Since many residents currently operate surveillance systems at their homes, our goal is to create a safer community together. As crimes occur nearby, they are not always aware that their surveillance system may have captured the information that could help solve the crime, thus keeping our community safer.

Tahlequah Police is asking residents to register their privately owned surveillance camera systems through **Camera Canvas**. As we respond to criminal incidents, we may be able to use the information or footage gathered from the security cameras to assist in the apprehension and prosecution of the criminals involved.

This program is intended to let our officers know where cameras are active in the city in case a crime occurs. It is not intended for active surveillance, and officers will not have direct access to homeowners' cameras. Those who register a camera will be contacted if a crime occurs in the vicinity of that camera.

Information provided by residents and businesses will be maintained in a secure database. To register your surveillance system you may:

- Call 918-456-8801 and register on the phone
- Cityoftahlequah.com under the police department tab, complete the form and email to [Nikisha.goss@cityoftahlequah.com](mailto:Nikisha.goss@cityoftahlequah.com)

Sincerely,



Nate King  
Chief of Police