



Reidsville Police Department

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April 22, 2021- In July of 2019, the Reidsville Police Department applied for the Governor's Crime Commission grant funding to purchase an updated camera system for Reidsville High School. This need was identified by Police Chief Robert Hassell as he believes school safety is of the utmost importance. "Safety is essential to sustain the educational success of students. It is imperative to ensure the ongoing safety of students and teachers while on school premises. A modern camera system will enable the school to be more proactive with campus security. We are sincerely grateful for the approval of this grant by the Governor's Crime Commission which facilitated the necessary funds for the project," said Chief Hassell.

Reidsville Police Sergeant Sharra Carter and Executive Director of Behavioral Health, Crisis Intervention, and Student Safety, Dr. Stephanie Ellis, partnered together in the application process of the grant. Together they ultimately secured funding in the amount of \$32,637.20 to purchase a new camera system for the high school. "The continued supportive partnership between the Reidsville Police Department and Reidsville High School/Rockingham County School System was truly displayed in the hard work exhibited in the writing of this grant. This partnership has allowed the school to have updated equipment and technology which enhances the safety of the school," said Sergeant Sharra Carter of the Reidsville Police Department.

A3 communications is providing the City of Reidsville, NC, and Reidsville High School with (15) Axis M3115-LVE network cameras, (one) Axis P3807-PVE network camera, (four) Axis P3717-PLE network cameras with night vision, (2) spare cameras, cabling to support each device and professional services for installation and integration. The cameras will include a SNAP integration to their existing Milestone video management system. The SNAP integration reduces forensic review time by intuitively linking cameras to show operators where a subject or object moves from one camera to another without needing to manually build a view.

The new camera system is being installed at Reidsville High School and is projected to be completed by June 30, 2021. This advanced technology system will be accessible to school administration, school resource officers, and the Reidsville Police Department, as needed. “We appreciate the collaboration of the Reidsville Police Department in the implementation and support of this grant for school safety. Safety is a top priority for Rockingham County Schools and we truly appreciate excellent partners such as the Reidsville Police Department. We are excited to engage in further safety planning as the installation of the camera systems and the professional development takes place. We know this will continue to help ensure the safety of our students and staff,” said Dr. Stephanie Ellis.



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