

Hanwha Techwin Cameras Help King City Police Reduce Violence and Improve Safety

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CHALLENGE

In recent years, King City's homicide per capita rate for victims between 18 and 22 years of age was the highest in the state of California, as the city had become a point of contention in a turf war between rival Latino gangs. This is the situation Police Chief Robert Masterson walked into when he came on board in July 2016. To address the problem the city formed a committee of community members charged with producing a plan to reduce youth violence. After working for six months, the committee came up with a 23-point strategic plan its members felt would alleviate the problem. One of those points was to install video surveillance cameras throughout the city, which Chief Masterson says became a primary focus for his department.

SOLUTION



Based on a recommendation from systems integrator SurveillanceGrid, the King City Police Department selected Hanwha PNM-9081VQ 20 megapixel multi-sensor directional cameras. With four sensors with 5 megapixel resolution each, the vandal-resistant cameras offer triple codec H.265/H.264/MJPEG, combined with WiseStream II technology for ultimate compression without sacrificing image quality. Bandwidth efficiency is important because the cameras send video wirelessly back to servers located in a command center within the King City Police Department.

RESULT

Video is mostly used for investigative purposes. If an incident occurs, the first thing the police department does is review video to see if any relevant information was captured. This came into play early on, shortly after the first camera pole was installed in late 2017. With information gathered from a camera mounted at a local business, King City Police Department was able to find a vehicle involved in a shooting rather quickly, despite having a limited amount of video to review. As King City looks to transform itself from a point of contention in a violent gang war to a safe place to live and work, Hanwha cameras have played a key role in the city's positive results so far. "We've been working to change things, and the Hanwha camera system is working wonders. Last year, we had 32 shootings and three homicides but since the cameras were installed, we've only had one shooting since the start of the year," Masterson says.

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