

OTTAWA PARK SECURE WITH PELCO

“This crime prevention initiative has enhanced security and police response to community problems while lessening maintenance and financial strain on City of Ottawa Parks.” – Maria McRae, Ottawa City Councilor

MISSION

Cahill Park was historically a magnet for vandalism, graffiti, drugs and underage drinking. Police were unable to dedicate the necessary resources to protect this specific park. Random patrols and city ordinances were not reducing crime. City leaders turned to Pelco for help.

SOLUTION

A system was installed comprising Spectra III Positioning Dome Systems, intrusion alarm panel, motion detectors, loudspeakers and a digital video recorder. Active once the park closes, any motion within the defined perimeter trips the motion detector. This, in turn, sends an alarm to the Security Operations Centre and directs the camera to focus on the motion. The operator can then evaluate the alarm to determine the necessary resources to allocate for its speedy resolution. If the police are called the system can be used to direct the responding officer to the exact location, improving both officer safety and the effectiveness of the response.

RESULT

Once the new system was installed, results were seen immediately. The number of calls to police regarding the park fell to zero. City leaders say the system is working to keep Cahill Park a clean and safe destination for the children of Ottawa to enjoy.

