

# Tools for improving safety & security in Buckhead



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# What is the Atlanta Police Foundation?

- Nongovernment organization with a mission to improve public safety in Atlanta
- Nonprofit 501c3
- Implement and manage programs aimed at combatting crime throughout Atlanta
  - Youth engagement
  - Camera and radio network
  - Neighborhood improvement
  - Officer development and training
  - Research and resource provisioning





# Operation Shield

CONNECT ATLANTA





# Crime deterrence through technology & communication



## COMNET ATL



### WHAT IS COMNET?

The Atlanta Police Department's Security **Communication Network** (aka COMNET) is a radio link between private security, the Atlanta Police 911 center and APD patrol personnel. The tool was created in 1990 with the support of Central Atlanta Progress and is now administratively run by the Atlanta Police Foundation. Its original purpose is still relevant today and that is to force multiply those who are tasked with protecting Atlanta's people and property.

COMNET is a subscription platform that facilitates real-time radio communication for the purpose of solving crime, aiding investigations and responding to emergencies. Private sector security personnel are valuable partners to the APD and COMNET serves as an integration tool to leverage their training, experience and knowledge in support of its mission. COMNET is seen as a vital component of Atlanta's public safety strategy and those private sector individuals responsible for providing safety and security at their businesses or facilities are encouraged to join the network.

## What is Operation Shield?

Operation Shield is the programmatic name for Atlanta's city-wide camera and communication network aimed at solving and deterring crime. This strategic grid includes an ever increasing number of cameras, license plate readers, communication devices and gun-shot sensors. With devices numbering well into the thousands, the program continues to expand by leveraging public funds when available, and by supplementing them with private sponsorships. The Loudermilk Video Integration Center or 'VIC' is the hub from which Operation Shield is powered, and it is staffed around the clock by a team of police and civilian camera technology experts. The program is managed through a partnership between the Atlanta Police Foundation and the Atlanta Police Department, and is supported by key service providers.



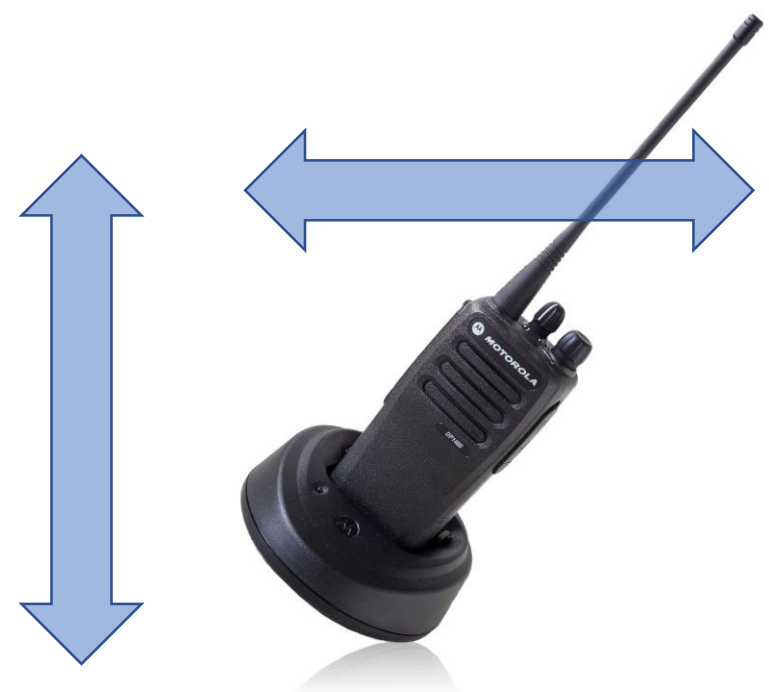
# RADIO NETWORK

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**COMNET** is a unique radio channel designed to facilitate the real time sharing of important safety and security information between private sector security personnel and the Atlanta Police Department.



# COMNET allows for vertical and horizontal communication among users



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\*Low cost/high compatibility among devices

# CAMERA NETWORK

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**OPERATION SHIELD** has recently evolved to include a technology platform called FUSUS, which is being branded as CONNECT ATLANTA





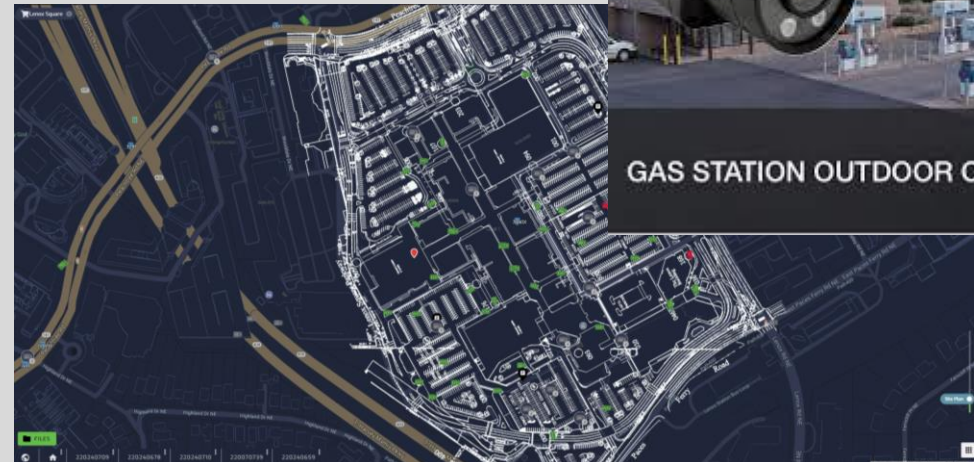
# License plate readers and street cameras are the foundation of Atlanta's surveillance grid

## Then



- Residential & commercial inclusion
- Mapped, real time operational dashboard
- Shared communications
- Shared visuals
- Combined platform

## Now





# JOIN THE CONNECT ATLANTA NETWORK

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## Register

Have a security camera? Register it with APD today to help Investigators identify cameras in the vicinity of an incident and contact you directly if they need your assistance solving crimes.

OR

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## Integrate

An easy solution to provide the Atlanta Police Department access to your camera feed in case of an emergency.

# Highlights

East Paces Ferry Rd NE and Grandview Ave NE - BOD: Fusus S...

Pharr Rd NE

Bagley Park

Ming Chen Memorial Park

Frankie Allen Park  
Baseball  
tennis courts &  
picnic meadow

Close all 5 cameras

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# CAMERA INTEGRATION



## CONNECT ATLANTA

CORE CONNECT- PACKAGE PRICING (Includes Software/Hardware Warranty)	Year One Price (Includes CORE)	Annual Subscription (After Year One)
Core Lite Package (Up to 4 Cameras, 512GB Storage)	\$350	\$150
Core Lite Extended Package (Up to 4 Cameras, 1TB Storage)	\$450	\$150
Core Pro Package (Up to 25 Cameras, 4TB Storage)	\$1,500	\$900
Core Pro Extended Package (Up to 25 Cameras, 18TB Storage)	\$1,900	\$900
Core Elite Package- Includes AI (Up to 64 Cameras, 36TB Storage)	\$7,300	\$2,300



# Adoption of these tools is low in Buckhead

## Why

- Lack of marketing and socialization
- Lack of a dedicated COMNET dispatcher
- Lack of perceived value
- Privacy concerns

## Areas for improvement

- Staffing
- Customer service
- Product offering
- Comprehension of the shared value and potential

## Benefits

- Increased intelligence sharing (Buckhead & Citywide)
- Increased surveillance (devices & personnel)
- Increased security
- Improved LE response

# Contact Information

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