

Best Practice: CCTV Feed shared with Federal and Local Government Authorities



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Category:	Electronic Surveillance
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- Description:** Local and Federal government agencies have access to view the Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) system maintained by the terminal.
- Discussion:** Government agencies have access to the CCTV system through a secure computer based access system; agencies include the Coast Guard, Customs and Police. The agencies may control the cameras to zoom, pan or tilt to see specific areas of interest. The Port Facility Security Officer and the facility guards have primary control of the cameras.
- Potential Down-side:** Although very unlikely, the potential for unauthorized persons to gain access to the video feed and or control use of the CCTV system exists. Other safeguards and access control measures would have to fail or be overcome for this to occur.
- Conclusion:** Providing law enforcement and government authorities access to video feed provides an additional layer of security for the facility by increasing the number of personnel that may be watching the facility at any one time. The access can provide the authorities with nearly instant visibility of the port if an accident or criminal activity occurs and or is reported. In addition, the video footage provides documentation for investigating and prosecuting incidents of unauthorized access if they occur.
- Cost:** Costs vary depending on the number of monitors required and the infrastructure necessary for feeding the additional monitor location. In addition, costs may be shared or completely borne by the authorities or entities benefiting from receiving the video feed.