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City of Clay Committed to Crime Prevention and Citizens' Safety

The City of Clay is the first and smallest city to invest in mobile cameras in order to monitor activity in the city's business centers. The Metro Area Crime Center, housed in the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, monitors the two cameras 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The mobile cameras serve as a crime deterrent, as well as aiding law enforcement in capturing criminals. It's important to note that flashing blue lights are affixed to the cameras as a signifying feature. However, those lights are not an indication of whether the cameras are in use. The cameras are always on, always recording, and always monitored.

City Manager and Reserve Jefferson County Deputy, Ronnie Dixon, is the designated liaison between the Metro Area Crime Center and the City of Clay. After receiving special training on how to maintain and operate the cameras and their corresponding equipment, Dixon became the point of contact any time MACC detects needs for the cameras' functionality. Dixon is on call 24/7 and assists MACC with technical assistance.

Sheriff Mike Hale has been outspoken in his support of mobile camera use and his hope to see the program grow into other cities in Jefferson County. He has stated numerous times that he is proud of his home city's willingness to support MACC, the sheriff's office, and go above and beyond to protect it's citizens.

The City of Clay is proud to be a pioneer in using technology to keep our citizens safe and secure.