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LICENSE PLATE READERS INSTALLED THROUGHOUT CITY TO ENNHANCE APPREHENSION EFFORTS

(BEACHWOOD, OHIO –August 19, 2022) – The City of Beachwood and Beachwood Place have coordinated their efforts to increase surveillance measures through the acquisition and use of license plate readers (LPR). This highly effective technology has been widely adopted among law enforcement departments and retail businesses nationwide to help to apprehend suspects.

Beachwood Police Chief Kate McLaughlin reports that Beachwood now has 31 LPRs stationed throughout the city and uses two mobile units in patrol vehicles. Additional units are on order and expected Fall 2022.

"We believe our LPRs will greatly enhance our efforts to ensure public safety, and expedite our ability to identify and apprehend individuals involved in criminal activity," states Chief McLaughlin.

"This technology will better align our law enforcement work with what's happening nationwide, and it will offer greater protection to our residents and visitors," states Mayor Justin Berns.

"Beachwood Place is proud of our deep roots in the community and grateful for our partnership with the Beachwood Police Department and Mayor Berns' office," states Sr. General Manager Beachwood Place Heidi Yanok. "We strive every day to create a great environment for our guests and tenants, and the use of LPR's at our entrances help to ensure our entire community feels safe."

LPRs are electronic devices with high-speed cameras that capture the visible license plates of passing vehicles. That information is recorded as to its location, date, and time. If the information matches that of a vehicle recorded in a "hot list" it will alert law enforcement. That information can be used to assist to stop crimes in progress, locate missing and/or endangered persons, as well as provide investigative leads for crimes that have already occurred.

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