Procedure Statement

Texas A&M University-Commerce strives to provide a secure environment for members of its community and to protect state property. Ensuring a secure environment can be assisted by audiovisual surveillance technology. Such technologies must be used responsibly and within the intended scope of the purpose for their deployment.

Reason for Procedure

This procedure defines the use of and limitations of the campus wide surveillance technologies.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1  GENERAL

   All installations of audiovisual surveillance technology must comply with these procedures.

2  APPROPRIATE USE

   2.1 Surveillance systems will be used in a professional, ethical, and legal manner consistent with all applicable policies, rules, procedures, and laws.

   2.2 Use of surveillance systems will be limited to situations where there is no reasonable expectation of privacy as defined by law.

   2.3 No recordings from surveillance systems will be released outside of A&M-Commerce without express authorization from the Public Information Officer, or in compliance with a court order, or for a criminal justice purpose and released through the University Police Department.

   2.4 Access to the surveillance system must be approved by the University Police Department.
2.5 Technology Services will assume compatibility with existing systems; only compatible systems will be acquired.

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**Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements**

System Policy 29.01 Information Resources

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**Definitions**

Audiovisual Surveillance: cameras or similar technology used to enhance security, safety, and quality of life for the A&M-Commerce campus community.

AVST: audiovisual surveillance technology.

Active AVST Installation: cameras or similar technology that are viewing/recording activities within the area of surveillance

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