

Illegal Dumping and Graffiti Enforcement

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Illegal Dumping and Graffiti Enforcement Program Update

DPW efforts to remove dumped materials.

- Investigate
- Report
- Abate

DPW efforts to prosecute illegal dumping.

- Work with RPD and other agencies
- Prosecute

DPW efforts to clean up and eliminate graffiti.

- Investigate through Community Enhancement Team (CET)
- Dedicated abatement crew
- Offer limited assistance with a liability waiver

Pilot mobile camera monitoring of areas experiencing dumping/graffiti

- Develop a useful tool to aid in deterrence and enforcement



677 locations
83 repeat locations



Graffiti Removal, 2025

652 Public Right of Way

55 Repeat locations

116 private property

17 repeat locations



Illegal Dumping Update

For several years DPW has struggled with illegal dumping on public property. Many of these occur repeatedly in the same place or in very close proximity. In the summer of 2025, we saw a surge in illegal dumping generally, but also specifically in used tires.

Illegal Dumping:

- **423** total complaints registered
- **379** have been resolved
- **44** remain open

Illegal Tire Dumping

- The City has collected **3,461** tires
- **33** locations
- **50%** are repeat locations over the past three years



Illegal Dumping Update

Departmental Cooperation

It is important to note that this has been a city-wide effort involving multiple departments, including:

- RPD, RFD, DPU, OSC, and PDR (Code Enforcement).

RPD in particular has helped in the citing and prosecuting of the illegal tire dumping cases. To date **two cases** have been successfully prosecuted.

In both cases, the defendant received a fine and abatement cost reimbursement to the city along with suspended jail sentences.

Cost for one clean-up that went to court

- (224) tires X \$4.00 per tire = **\$896.00** (for tire disposal)
- (6) Hours @ \$25.00 per hour = **\$150.00**
- (6) Employees x \$150.00 for Total Employee Hours = **\$900.00**
- Rate for equipment used for clean-up = **\$314.00**

Total to clean up and dispose of 224 tires from 1009 Holly Spring Ave. Richmond, VA 23224 = \$2,110.00

Pilot Camera Program Update

In the fall of 2024 DPW began researching a pilot program for monitoring and enforcement of problematic illegal dumping sites on public spaces around the City.

Program Considerations

- **Legality** – what would be required and could cameras be installed safely
- **Resources** – what would be required in the terms of equipment and personnel
- **Cost** – what is the most cost-effective way to begin the pilot program
- **On-going maintenance and expansion** – what does the future look like

Pilot Camera Program

Attributes

- Inexpensive
- Mobile
- Simple to use

Initial

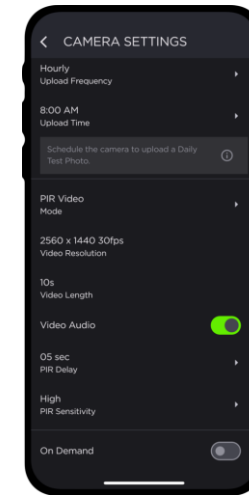
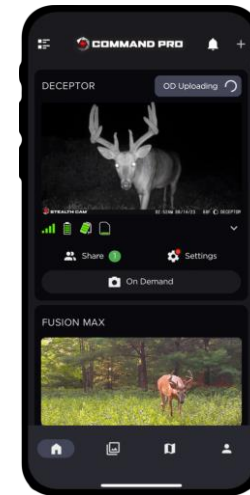
- Mobile Cellular
- Solar Panel Power

Reasoning

- Expedited acquisition
- Quickly deployable

Long Term

- Data collection
- Multi-layered approach
- Future expansion



Questions and Discussion