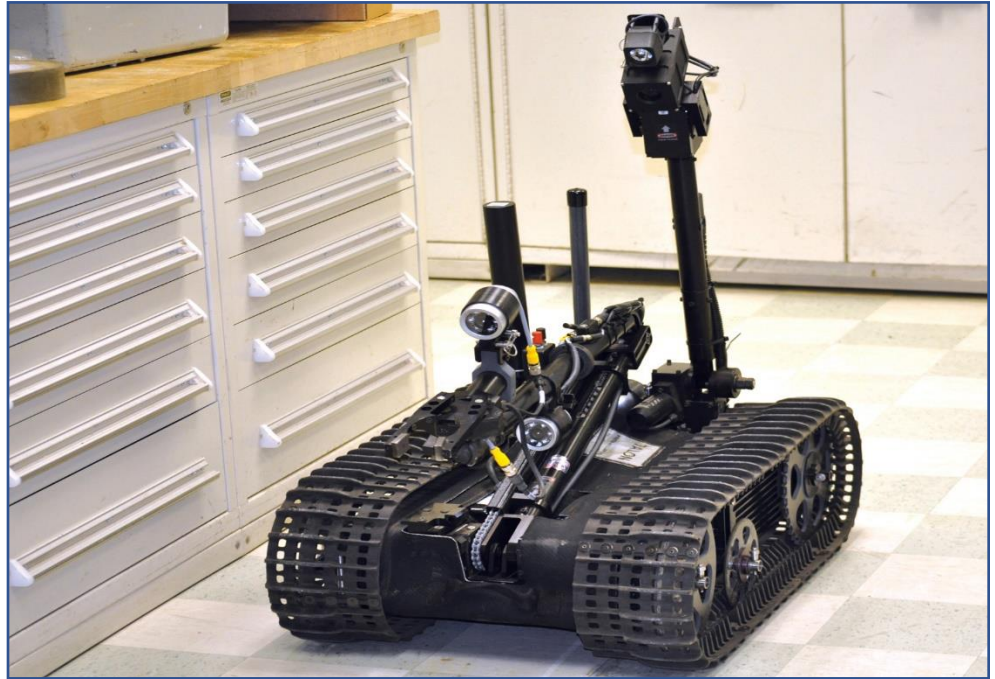


Situational Awareness Cameras Without Recording

Seattle Police Department (SPD)

What is the technology?

Portable cameras that allow officers to observe around corners or other areas during tactical operations where officers need to see the situation before entering an area of concern. These may be lowered or thrown into position, attached to a hand-held pole and extended around a corner or into an area. The cameras contain wireless transmitters that send images to officers.



The open comment period for this technology is currently underway. You can provide comments at [Seattle.gov/Surveillance](https://seattle.gov/surveillance).

All comments will be included in the Surveillance Impact Report on this technology and submitted to Council.

If you would like to provide feedback outside of the open comment period, please submit them directly to City Council.

Why do we use the technology?

SPD's tactical units use situational awareness cameras to assess potentially dangerous situations from a safe location. The use of these cameras allows SPD to view surroundings and gain additional information prior to entering a location, providing additional safety and security to SPD personnel, the subjects of the observation, and other members of the community.

Collection

There are 4 types of situational awareness cameras used by SPD's SWAT Unit:

- Robot Mounted Cameras
- Pole Cameras
- Placeable Cameras
- Throwable Cameras

Use

Only members of SWAT are authorized to use this equipment and are specifically trained in their use. The SWAT commanders are responsible to ensure appropriate usage of the technology.

Protections

No images or data are collected, stored, or retained by any situational awareness camera used by SPD. This includes the cameras themselves and any transmitting equipment. All members of SWAT are given training in the use and appropriate application of these cameras.