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Re: City Council Motion Response

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**Councilor Rourke - Req. City Mgr. to have LPD look into the Viability of Placing Cameras at the Christian Hill Reservoir.**

Our crime analysis unit completed a needs assessment for the area. As you can see from the attached report on crime in the area, there are very few incidents in the area. Concerns by area residents were heightened after there were gun shots fired in the area in three incidents which were roughly a year apart. An arrest has been made that involved two of the three incidents and the defendant is currently in custody and has been for a good part of 2020. The third remaining open incident is still under investigation.

We then looked at the feasibility of using cameras to monitor the Reservoir itself. It would be a prime target for terrorism and could have a devastating affect for our residents if someone chose to place deadly chemicals in the Reservoir. Discussions then centered around targeting grant money through Homeland security to cover the cost of a surveillance system that would be transmitted into LPD headquarters thus saving the city from funding this project. Upon looking into the issue further, we learned that the Reservoir is not tied into the city system as many have assumed. Trying to apply for grants with this information in hand would be fruitless.

We reached out to our MIS department for an estimate on the cost to install cameras at the Reservoir. Listed below are the estimated costs:

- Fiber run \$2,000 (fiber, labor and cable terminations)
- Camera \$10,000 (includes cameras, materials and labor)



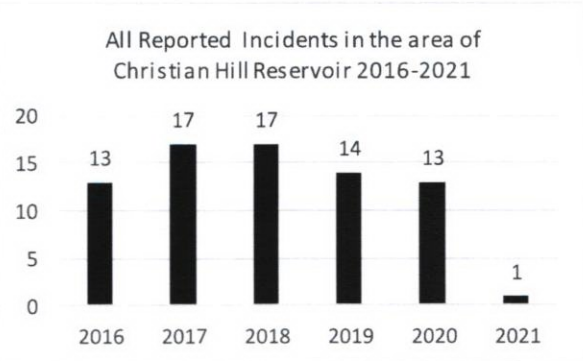


# Lowell Police Department

## Christian Hill Reservoir Area Incidents

The Christian Hill Reservoir is located in the Centralville neighborhood and is not a water source for the City of Lowell. The following analysis includes all incidents reported to the LPD in the area surrounding the Reservoir (mapping is approximate).

Overall incidents in the area have been declining over the 5-year period. This trend is consistent with total incidents in the Centralville neighborhood as a whole. Regardless of year, incidents in the area around the Reservoir account for less than 1% of total incidents in the neighborhood.



There were a total of 13 incidents in 2020, and a single incident in 2021 (through 1/26/21). Those incidents are displayed below and include: Domestic both assaults and arguments (n=3), MV stops (n=3), Medicals which included one sudden death overdose (n=2), Vandalism, two were MV and the third a tagging of the Reservoir wall (n=3), and Shots fired (n=3).

