



*Office of Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey  
LEADING BOLDLY, WORKING TOGETHER*

## **PRESS RELEASE**

---

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**Kimberly Bruce**

**Strategic Communications Manager**

---

**July 15, 2015**

**Phone: 779-348-7331**

**E-mail: [Kimberly.Bruce@rockfordil.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Bruce@rockfordil.gov)**

## **Rockford Police to Deploy Nuisance Abatement Vehicle to Assist with Community Policing Efforts**

Rockford, IL- The Rockford Police Department, continuing its successful community policing initiative, has recently retrofitted its old armored vehicle into an unmanned reconnaissance vehicle.

The Nuisance Abatement Vehicle (NAV) is a non-traditional resource equipped with digital video surveillance cameras. It will be deployed to high crime areas and is intended to instill a strong police presence that will deter criminal activity and restore a higher quality of life.

Following information from best practices of police departments nationwide, Investigator Matthew Krantz and Information Service Specialist Darrell Erdman researched, planned, and implemented the project to bring this crime-fighting tool to Rockford.

“The NAV can operate day or night in all weather conditions and complements the street and foot patrol efforts of our officers,” said Assistant Deputy Chief Michael Dalke. “2014 marked our lowest record of overall crime in 27 years and we are excited to utilize this new tool that will assist the department in continuing that trend.”

The NAV will be deployed within the week. Its location will be posted on the Police Department’s web page to ensure transparency.

###