

Video Conference Survey - 01/06

County	Video	Video Arraignment	OtherUses	Brand_Model	ContactName	ContactEmail	ContactPhone
Adams	Y			PolyCom	Dave Sprankle	dsprankle@adamscounty.us	(717)337-9810 x1495
Berks	Y	Y		Polycom Viewstation (Clarity)	Fred Hershey	fhershey@countyofberks.com	(610)478-6184
Bucks	Y	Y		AVAYA for Video Conference(corrections & Courts) & Desktop at our District Courts for arraignment	Bill Waterbury	wfwaterbury@co.bucks.pa.us	(215)340-8289
Comments for Bucks	Mirror of Westmoreland County						
Butler	Y	Y		Polycom's PVX software	Bob Moyer	bmoyer@co.butler.pa.us	
Comments for Butler	<p>Butler County has been using video arraignment for over a year. But it is not video conferencing in my sense of the word - we did full blown, room size ISDN units in all of the plants in my former life. Here every police department and MDJ(both home and office) have equipment (an \$80 camera and a \$12 mic) and a cable Internet access (\$40 per month). They currently use Net Meeting to set up and make connections. This is strictly IP connectivity and at the mercy of Microsoft's software changes.</p> <p>We are in the process of final testing Polycom's PVX software to replace Net Meeting. This will provide all the sights with the ability to use video/audio compression and should smooth out the edges. This software will also provide H.323 (and SIP) communications with "normal" video conference units over IP - not ISDN. Since most of the newer equipment is coming in IP ready this should allow us more outside access. This would cost a little over \$100 per site.</p> <p>There are also "bridges" available to connect IP to ISDN but we don't see the need at this time. We are also putting in the CPIN / Livescan equipment which will provide us with ISDN video conferencing from the court house and the prison - this will be used to connect to locations outside the County for arraignments and hearings.</p> <p>The courthouse/prison connectivity will be done on our internal network using the same Logitech camera and Mic that we use now. The plans for this are to provide not only arraignments but hearings, etc. Even though we have the primary issues with the IP solution is that firewalls cause all kinds of problems. In our case, the MDJ's aren't behind firewalls and can make connectivity with the police.</p> <p>I know you asked for procedures, etc. but outside of the connectivity "how to", the procedures were created by the MDJ's and the police. The one thing I would like to move to is elimination of the fax in each MDJ home but that's a different story.</p>						
Crawford	Y	Y		Marconi ViPr system over our leased fiber link to our jail	Tim Kelley	TKelley@co.crawford.pa.us	(814)333-7370
Comments for Crawford	Newer models (we have older) will work over regular fast Ethernet or business class Internet. But you wouldn't want too many coming across it!						
Cumberland	Y	Y		Polycom VSX 300	Larry Kulawiecz	lkulawiecz@ccpa.net	(717)240-7840
Greene	Y	DJ's, Judges, County Jail			Scott Kelley	skelley@co.greene.pa.us	(724)852-5298
Comments for Greene	We are currently implementing a LOW tech solution based on what Westmoreland county is using i.e. 99 dollar cameras over MSN Video chat for the DJ's Judges, and County Jail						
Lancaster	Y	Y	Presentence Investigations, Juvenile Review Hearings, Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights Hearings	Polycom Clarity	Beverly Kirby	Kirby@co.lancaster.pa.us	(717)299-8041
Mercer		Y		Polycom 128sp and some newer models	Keith Jenkins	kjenkins@mcc.co.mercer.pa.us	(724)662-7506
Perry	Y	N-See Comments			Sharon Charles	scharles@perryco.org.	(717)582-5105
Comments for Perry	We do have equipment, but never use it because the courts don't like the delay. Presently, we are not "hooked up" to do it, but our IT person will do it when the courts say OK.						

Susquehanna	N	N			David Yulke and Sheriff (Lance Benedict, ext 146) and the Court Administrator (Mary Foster, ext 195		(570) 278-4600 ext. 210
Comments for Susquehanna	I would be interested in promoting such a system for our court if there was a state standard and the cost was reasonable. Currently there is an interest in being able to do court hearings, etc. when the prisoner is in another county or being held by the by the state - that is usually a long ride for the transporter. I understand there is an opportunity to do something with the Northern Tier people who have a downlink with the state, to provide an uplink which would make state level conferencing possible. With the ever lowering cost of such technology, I think a interoperability with the state and other counties would be a big help for us and I could promote that, here...						
York	Y	Y		Polycom Viewstation PVS-1419	Terry Branthaver	twbranthaver@york-county.org	(717)771-9862