

VIDEO ALERTS VIA "CONTACAM" IN "WINDOWS.."

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SUMMARY

- Using a USB Webcam and the donationware "Contacam" software program in a "Windows.." computer is the lowest-cost way for you to have a motion detection security system that records video and sound and optionally can notify you via email or text messages. However, it is much harder to set up relative to more expensive alternatives such as "Wyze Cam version 2"

TOPICS

- How the "Contacam" system works
- Steps for setting it up
- A live demonstration of this system in action

HOW "CONTACAM" WORKS

- A person, animal, or an object moves in the field of view of a video camera which triggers a "motion alert" process in the "Contacam" program in a "Windows.." computer as follows:

HOW "CONTACAM" WORKS

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- The "Contacam" program records the video and sound of the motion event as a file onto a hard drive or a "Network-Attached Server".
- The "Contacam" program uses the "Simple Mail Transfer Protocol" server of your email account (such as your Gmail account) send out e-mail message(s) and/or an SMS text to notify you.

HOW "CONTACAM" WORKS

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- The "Contacam" program uses e-mail message(s) can have photos and/or video clips of the motion event as file attachments

STEPS FOR CONFIGURING "CONTACAM"

- Obtain a USB Webcam and install it onto your Windows.. computer
- Test it by using the bundled "Camera" app in the "Windows.." computer

STEPS FOR CONFIGURING "CONTACAM" (continued)

- Obtain a free email account that has a reliable "Simple Mail Transfer Protocol" server. We recommend a "Gmail" account.
- Use a Web browser to test the sending and receiving email messages with the free email account.

STEPS FOR CONFIGURING "CONTACAM" (continued)

- Go to the contaware.com Website and download and install the "Contracom" program into your Windows.. computer

STEPS FOR CONFIGURING "CONTACAM" (continued)

- When you successfully connect a camera to "Contacam", the video picture of the camera will be shown in the box that represents the camera
- Click on "Camera Basic Settings" and give the camera a descriptive name
- Click on "To Subject Server" in "Camera Basic Settings"

STEPS FOR CONFIGURING

"CONTACAM" (continued)

- Use the "Camera" option in the top menu bar of "Contacam" to connect your USB Webcam to "Contacam".

Warning: If any mandatory updates for "Windows.." are pending, you cannot connect a Webcam to "Contacam" until you go to "Windows Update" in "Settings" in "Windows.." and install the mandatory updates.

STEPS FOR CONFIGURING "CONTACAM" (continued)

- Fill in the appropriate email address(es) and cell phone email addresses (to send SMS text alerts)
- Fill in the SMTP server information
- Click on "OK"