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 IT Essay: Real-time crime center of New Orleans

The New Orleans real-time crime center (RTCC) is a city improvement plan that won smart city award of North America 2019. This document aims to provide a summary of the RTCC initiative plan. The overall costs to the plan and its benefits for common people have been provided. The document also includes RTCC’s advantages of connecting several departments of the city to decrease crime rates.

The RTCC, a proactive citywide public safety improvement plan based on $40 million was launched in 2017. The RTCC has won smart city award in Public Safety category (Smartcity). Since then, the smart project gained recognition worldwide because of its enormity and integration pattern (Smartcity). The strategy was employing the cameras, license plate readers and variety of software to use information from a wide range of sources. This information is provided to Police, fire department and emergency medical services (EMS). The RTCC keeps all the departments connected by providing on scene information and directions the location.

The technology has been employed in an amazing fashion in the plan to assist public safety officials in their mission to keep the residents and tourists safe in real time. The real time technology has been used to provide real time information to the safety officers (NOLA). According to Ross Bourgeois Administrator of the RTCC, this technology acts as a force multiplier and aid in the tasks which cannot be performed in physical forms like visual aid before arrival to the crime scene (NOLA). Moreover, the RTCC system integrates EMS with police, enable them to see the crime area and collect necessary information before arrival on the location which cuts a lot of time in investigations providing video evidence (Smartcity).

Being a citizen of New Orleans, I can say that I along with other residents feel protected every time I step out of my house and move around the city for school, work, leisure or business. We always have a feeling that we have an eye in the air safeguarding us all the time. RTCC can identify a suspect before the crime scene provide information to police. It also identifies possible hazards to prevent larger damages. Overall, the protection it provides to the people is remarkable. Moreover, the plan has not only brought protection to the community but has also strengthened the city’s economy by attracting tourists from all over the country and world.

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