

The Safety Intelligence Maturity Model

Every jail already has cameras. Almost none use them as a safety system. This is the curve from passive recording to governed, proof-backed Safety Intelligence, five levels, and how to move up one.

The Safety Intelligence Maturity Model describes how effectively a correctional facility uses its cameras to prevent harm, measured not by how many cameras it has, but by how quickly risk is seen, how reliably staff respond, and how well the facility can prove what happened.

LEVEL 1 Passive Recording

Cameras record; no one watches live. Footage is pulled only after something goes wrong. Coverage looks complete on paper, but real-time awareness is near zero. Risk: every serious event is discovered late, and the record often deepens liability rather than defending against it.

LEVEL 2 Reactive Monitoring

A control room watches some feeds and catches what happens to be on screen. Response depends on who is looking and when; documentation is manual and thin. Risk: attention is finite, so most feeds go unwatched and outcomes hinge on luck.

LEVEL 3 Assisted Awareness

Some alerting or analytics surface events, but the tuning is generic and the noise is high. Staff start to ignore alerts, and proof is still partial. Risk: alert fatigue quietly returns the facility to Level 1 in practice.

LEVEL 4 Safety Intelligence — where VPT operates

Persistent observation on the cameras the facility already owns, tuned to its zones and reality. Alerts are routed with location and context, a trained person is in the loop on every one, and each event leaves a timestamped response record. Result: risk is seen earlier, response is faster, and the facility can show what happened.

LEVEL 5 Governed Safety Intelligence — Gold Seal

Sustained discipline, measured by a Safety Intelligence Score and governed through the Gold Seal: response standards held over time, integrity checks, and proof that insurers, county attorneys, and auditors can rely on. Result: safety becomes defensible governance, not a hope.

Where is your facility on the curve?

Most facilities are between Level 1 and Level 3 and assume they are higher. The free Safety Intelligence Self-Assessment gives you an honest read in about ten minutes; the Safety Intelligence Audit shows what is actually happening on your own cameras.