

Cameras may keep close eye on city

*Scranton officials
are exploring use of
surveillance to crack
down on crime.*

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Picture this: night-vision surveillance cameras sweeping Scranton streets, cameras that police can control remotely to make them pan, tilt, zoom and rotate.

Three of the city's top law enforcement officers plan a trip to Baltimore today in a brainstorming mission that could bring some of those cameras to the city.

Police Chief David Elliott and Capt. Carl Graziano are scheduled to leave this morning to meet with Baltimore officials, who have installed more than 250 cameras throughout that city in what many have called a successful effort in cutting down on crime.

"This is something that can really help us," said Mayor Chris Doherty, who organized the trip. "It has worked in Baltimore, and it is definitely a crime-fighting tool that will enable our police efforts to be greatly enhanced."

Mr. Doherty said money for the cameras would probably come from federal grants.

"Technology is what this city needs to move forward," he said. "So, this is one of the things that we're doing."

Capt. Graziano said Baltimore paid about \$60,000 per