



### **Covert Special Ops “Code Black”**

The Special Ops is capable of sending photos via MMS or GPRS to your email or cell phone. The camera will work with any cell provider that uses the GSM network and SIM cards. The user must provide a SIM card and a cell plan which includes multimedia messaging (MMS).

Please talk to your local provider to determine if they offer this service. Currently the two most popular providers that offer this service are T-Mobile and AT&T. There are no “Plans” or “Contracts” to buy from Covert Scouting Cameras.

#### **Getting started**

1. Load 12 new Alkaline or Lithium AA batteries for long term use or 4 for short term use.
2. Insert SD card. Camera accepts SD cards from 8mb–8GB in size.
3. For wireless operation you must insert an activated SIM card from a GSM cell provider.
4. Control buttons function as described below:
  - “MENU” : enter or exit the programming menu
  - ►, ◀, ▼, ▲ : used to navigate through the menu
  - “OK” : used to save changes and to play back videos
  - ▶: enter or exit the playback screen to review pictures or videos
  - “DEL” : delete an image or video
  - : manually take a photo or video from the preview screen

#### **Custom Programming**

1. To enter custom programming, turn the cameras power switch to the “SETUP” position.
2. Press the menu button to begin programming.
3. Note that “CAM” is highlighted. Press ▼ to make changes to “Camera” settings. With “Camera mode” highlighted, use the ► or ◀ to choose photo or video and press “OK” to save.
4. Press ▼ to highlight “Photo Size”. Use ► or ◀ to choose 3MP, 5MP, or 8 MP and press “OK” to save.
5. Press ▼ to highlight “Photo Burst”. Use ► or ◀ to choose 1, 2, or 3 photos and press “OK” to save.

6. If you chose "Video" in step 6, Press ▼ to highlight "video size". Use ► or ◀ to choose VGA or QVGA and press "OK" to save. VGA is high resolution video (640x480), HVGA is low res (320x240).
7. Press ▼ to highlight "video length". Use ► or ◀ to choose video length from 5–60 seconds and press "OK" to save.
8. Press ▼ until the highlight bar goes away. Press ► to highlight "PIR". Press ▼ to Highlight "SENSITIVITY". Use ► or ◀ to choose the cameras sensitivity. Choose between "LOW, NORMAL, HIGH, or OFF", press "OK" to save.
  - a. **Note:** off is used when taking time lapse photos if you do not want the camera to automatically trigger on movement.
  - b. **Note:** NORMAL will work under most conditions. If you feel your camera is triggering on objects other than animals, reduce the sensitivity to low. If you feel the camera is not triggering when animals are present increase the sensitivity to high. Sensitivity will likely have to be lowered in high temperatures.
9. Press ▼ to Highlight "INTERVAL". Use ► or ◀ to choose how often the camera will trigger. You can choose between "0 SEC and 60 MIN", press "OK" to save.
  - a. **Note:** true interval between pictures will be determined by the interval selection plus the time required to write images to the SD card. This is dependant upon many factors such as the "write" speed of the SD card, size of the image being stored and the number of images taken per trigger. For instance, if you choose an interval of "0 SEC", the actual interval between triggers may be 6–15 seconds.
10. Press ▼ to Highlight "TIME LAPSE". Use ► or ◀ to turn the time lapse feature on/off and select an interval for the camera to automatically trigger even when there is not motion present. This feature is perfect for scouting large areas where movement may be out of range for the camera to sense. The included "Game-Trakker" software can be used to make videos from these photos to watch several days worth of activity in just a few minutes.
11. Press ▼ to Highlight "START-STOP". This feature is used to program the camera to function during a certain time of day and will control the camera in both standard operation and Time-lapse mode. It is very useful when the Time-lapse feature is activated. Use it to prevent the camera from taking pictures at night when most of the activity will be beyond the reach of the IR Flash. Use ► or ◀ to turn the start-stop timer on/off and press "OK" to save. If you choose "ON", the start-stop timer programing screen will appear. Use ▼ or ▲ to select the start hour. Press ► to highlight the start minutes. Repeat these steps to set the remainder of the timer parameters for both the start and stop times. Once the start and stop times have been set, press OK to save.
12. Press ▼ until the highlight bar goes away. Press ► to highlight "SYS". Press ▼ to Highlight "Set Clock" and press "OK". Use ▼ or ▲ to select the Month. Press ► to highlight the Day. Repeat these steps to set the remainder of the date and time parameters and press "OK" to save.

- a. **NOTE:** The clock uses military time. Military time is determined by adding 12 to the pm times. For example, 9am is 0900 and 3pm is 1500.

13. Press ▼ to Highlight “Time Stamp”, Use ► or ◀ to choose on or off. Press “OK” to save.

14. Press ▼ to Highlight “Flash Range”, Use ► or ◀ to choose 6 meters or 12 meters. Press “OK” to save.

15. Press ▼ to Highlight “Password”, Use ► or ◀ to choose “On or Off”. Press “OK” to save. If you turn the password on, the password programming screen will appear. The default password is 0000. Use ▼ or ▲ to select the first digit in your new password. Press ► to proceed to the next digit and repeat these steps until you complete your new password. Press “OK” to save.

- a. **Note:** Write your password down and keep it in a safe place. You will need it each time you turn the camera on to activate it.

16. Press ▼ to Highlight “Format”. The Format function will erase all data on the SD card and properly format the SD card for use in your camera. Press “OK” format. The format screen will appear. Press ► or ◀ to choose “Yes” to format and press OK.

a.**NOTE:** The camera itself has no internal memory. All changes are saved to the SD card. Formatting the SD card will erase custom settings and return to default settings. You may want to format the SD card prior to making changes to avoid this.

17. Press ▼ to Highlight “Default Set”. Default restores the factory default settings. Press “OK” to restore the factory Default settings.

18. Programming is now complete. Press “MENU” to exit the programming menu.

### Wireless Operation

You will need a computer with Windows operating system to program the wireless operation.

1. Begin with the camera programmed following all prior steps. With the camera in the off position, insert an activated SIM card into sim card slot on left side of camera. The Sim card is inserted with the label facing up and the notch to the top of the camera. Also insert the 8mb-8gb SD card.

2. Turn the camera to the “Setup” position. Note whether the  icon is present in the top right corner of the menu screen. If the  icon is present you must wait on the camera to acquire contact with the cellular system before proceeding. You will know that the camera has obtained contact with the cellular system once the red menu screen messages are no longer displayed, this usually takes 20-30 seconds.

3. Once contact with the cellular system is acquired or if the  icon is not present, press the “Menu” button and use ► to highlight “GSM” then press the ▼ to highlight “Download” and press “OK”. Wait 10-15 seconds, turn camera off and remove SD card.

4. Insert SD card into a computer. Locate the SD card in the computer menu and right click on the file labeled “GSM Setup” then double click “Extract Here”. A file labeled “GSM setup” will appear. This file can be saved to your computer for use later. Note that future changes

to the programming can be made with this file when it is saved on your computer without using the download tool in the cameras menu.

5. Double click "GSM Setup" to open the program use the following descriptions to make the necessary changes to program. Note that when programming, those fields marked with the red \* are required.

6. "Send Mode"

- a. Instant: The camera will send images instantly when taken.
- b. Daily Report: The camera sends a daily message with the total # of photos taken and the most recent image.
- c. Off: The camera acts as a standard trail camera and does not send messages.

7. "Send Via"

- a. "MMS": utilizes messaging plans
- b. "GPRS": utilizes Data plans

8. "Send to"

- a. Phone: sends message to cell phone
- b. Email: sends message to email
- c. Both: sends message to both email and phone

9. "Country select": select the country you will be using the camera

10. "Operator Select": Select the cell provider you are using for the camera. If the provider you are using is not present you will need to go back to "Country Select" and choose custom for use in step 11.

11. "Operator Parameter": These settings have been pre-filled for all providers listed in "Operator Select". If you are using custom settings you will need to acquire all information for these parameters from your cell provider.

12. "SMTP Parameter": This information is obtainable from your provider if needed.

13. "Recipients": This is where you enter the the email address and/or phone numbers of where the messages are to be sent. Up to 4 phone numbers and/or 4 emails can be entered. Phone numbers should be entered with prefix, area code and the number with no dashes or spaces.

14. "Path": Press the ... button to the right of path to select where you want to save your settings. Most people will want to save a copy to their desktop for future use as well as directly to the SD card. Any time the SD card is changed, this file will need to be saved to the new SD card in order for the camera to send messages.

15. Once saved on the SD card, remove it and insert into the camera. Turn camera on and note a message should appear that states "Update successful"

16. Programming is now complete. It is recommended to setup camera in an area with a good signal and test before deploying in a remote area.

### **Other camera features and functions**

1. Take a picture or video manually:

- a. Prior to taking pictures or video you must program the camera mode. See step 3 above. You can also quickly change from photo to video mode by using ▼ or ▲ from the "Preview Screen"
- b. Slide the power switch to the "SETUP" position to enter the "Preview Screen" or press the "MENU" button to exit the programming menu. When in the "Preview Screen" the LCD screen will display what ever the camera is pointing to.

- c. Press  to take a picture or begin recording video. Press  to stop recording video.
2. To view photos or videos press  while on the preview screen to enter the “Replay” screen. Use  or  to scroll through photos and videos.
3. To play videos, press . Press  again to stop video.
4. To delete photos or videos press one at a time, press “DEL” while viewing the image you wish to delete. Use  or  to select “Yes” and press “OK” to delete the current image. Select “NO” and press OK to cancel.
5. To delete all photos, press “MENU” while viewing any image. “Playback” will be highlighted, press  to highlight “Delete”. Use  or  to select “Delete All” or “Delete one”. The Delete screen will appear and prompt you to choose yes or no to delete. Use  or  to select yes to delete or no to cancel. Press  to exit the delete menu.
6. To exit the replay screen press .

### **Camera mounting and deployment**

1. The camera can be mounted using the included attachment strap or by utilizing the threaded insert on the bottom of the camera and a standard 1/4x20 threaded tripod style mount such as the Covert Tree60 camera mount available seperately at retailers or [www.dlccovert.com](http://www.dlccovert.com)
2. For best results, mount the camera approximately 4 feet off the ground facing straight forward as level as possible.
3. To enhance the flash, we recommend positioning the camera in an area with a backdrop to reflect the maximum amount of light. For instance, place the camera 20–30 feet from a field edge facing the woods. For use inside of timber, positioning the camera facing a thicket approximately 20–30 feet away.
4. Turn the camera on, latch the case and walk away!
5. These are just recommended guidelines for ideal performance. Once you become familiar with the camera you will determine positioning that better suits your use.

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