

Is Your Head in the Cloud?

There are many storage options available that may be a benefit to your agency. Here are guidelines to help you determine which storage solution is best for you.

Cloud Storage Challenges & Benefits:

- + On-site storage requirements reduced or eliminated
- + Instant sharing of evidentiary files
- + Little or no I/T support required
- High capacity Internet connectivity a must
- Storage costs can escalate - you will continue to pay for storage for as long as you use the capture system
- Upload time can be extensive if your policy requires a lot of video

Local Storage Challenges & Benefits:

- + Cost can be spread over several years, then stops - you own the storage hardware and you control your data
- + Clear access to the data, no Internet requirement
- + Software maintenance/upgrades
- Physical storage, I/T support and file management can be burdensome
- Evidentiary files for court must be downloaded to another media type
- Susceptible to hardware failure

Is a Hybrid Solution Your Best Bet?

- + Only store those evidentiary files you need as evidence on the cloud for easy file sharing
- + Upload time is reduced since you are limiting the amount of data that actually has to go up to the cloud
- + Not solely reliant on Internet or bandwidth capabilities
- + All of the benefits of cloud at a much lower cost

