Review of: "Emerging Technological Advancements to Safety and Security Systems in Smart Urban Public Spaces"

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Firstly, thank you for your contribution. Smart cities topic and the world appreciate it.

<u>Main notes:</u>

- The paper and its content are relevant and of high importance, especially in the digital era, highlighting the contribution of digital tools to tackle public security and crime control
- The objectives of the study are clearly defined and listed. However, it would be great to link the proposed framework with the given objectives and how they are aligned
- The research methodology section is comprehensive, but it lacks a clear explanation of the selection criteria for the three cases examined. Would be appreciated if to understand the reasoning behind it
- Regarding the three cases, the paper does not provide comparative analysis among themselves, as it would improve significantly the paper's depth and allow a wider understanding of these cases regarding the CPTED topic
- The proposed framework for a 'Mesh of Digital Security Ecosystem' is addressed in an unclear way, requiring further elaboration on how it tackles the proposed objectives, but also how it mitigates the emerging challenges mentioned.
- The discussion of 3rd Generation CPTED should include a discussion regarding potential limitations and obstacles
- The conclusion section lacks recommendations for future research in this field.

<u>Other notes:</u>

- If possible, it would be valuable to incorporate more visual content and support for some of the given examples, enhancing the reader engagement
- The paper goes into the direction of exposition of literature and state-of-the-art recap, focusing on technologies and not in public realms/real-world scenarios. An empirical case study would significantly add value to the paper

Overall, it's a pertinent topic and well explained. From my point of view, the paper would benefit if some sections were discussed in more detail (not only at high level) – The framework section plays a key role and could be more clear the purpose and its description, as well as the end value added to the community.