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**Effective 7.15.15 LifeSize Cloud has replaced the older version of LifeSize .**

### What is LifeSize ?

What is LifeSize? LifeSize (a Division of well-known computer peripherals manufacturer Logitech) is the chosen brand of Video Conferencing systems for the Salvation Army in North America. <http://www.lifesize.com/>

Video Conferencing, simply put, is The Jetson's come to life:



In the television show "The Jetson's" - it was a minutely occurrence to speak to someone else via "Video-Phone". Pictured above, George had his home-life frequently interrupted by his boss (Mr. Spacely) who was able to Video-Phone him at will.

This is the ultimate phone call... not only can you hear your

counterpart on the other end, you can also see them, and they can see you! (make sure you don't answer your phone in your jammies!)

### **Is LifeSize available for me to use ?**

YES! Please use it! The reason The Salvation Army purchased these systems is to save us money. The more we use LifeSize, the more money we save. Any Person in Any Department is welcome to utilize this system.

### **Is there a cost to use LifeSize ?**

NO! The Army has already paid for the hardware portion of the system. There is no charge to schedule, cancel, use (or ask questions about) LifeSize.

### **How do I schedule the use of LifeSize ?**

1. Determine who all will be involved in your LifeSize meeting  
How many people will be in the room on your side of the meeting?

How many other People will be attending?

Who (if anyone) will be presenting from their computer (ie: a Power Point)

2. Determine who will be hosting? (is it you, someone in your department, or someone else in another location)

3. What device will you be using to attend?

- a) Smart Phone
- b) Tablet
- c) Computer
- d) LifeSize Codec System

4. If you have chosen d) above you will need to reserve a room to hold your LifeSize meeting

Any room in the Central THQ C: Building or the Executive Board room B119 - can accommodate a

LifeSize Conference. This can be done via the Lotus Notes Reservation Database, or by calling the person responsible for booking those rooms.

Reserve the LifeSize system in the Room Reservation System within Lotus Notes.

When you are choosing your room - there is also a section called Resources. The LifeSize system is a resource selection.

At Central THQ we have 2 LifeSize systems. One is permanently installed in B119. Assuming that room is available - so should the LifeSize system be available.  
The other system is booked often and far in advance.

### **Can I use a “Phone” Conference call as well ?**

You will not need to use a phone or a conference phone. The LifeSize Cloud has an option for recipients to attend via their phone if necessary. You will not need to do anything different on your end.

### **Can I show my PowerPoint Presentation to the other attendees ?**

Yes, anything that you can display on your PC can be transmitted to the LifeSize meeting. 1 image will appear on their screen as your PC screen AND 1 image will appear on their screen from the view of the LifeSize camera in your room.

### **Can other participants show a PowerPoint Presentation ?**

Yes - as long as they have installed the LifeSize Cloud App on their computer.

### **How many participants can be in the meeting at one time?**

40 (including you)

### **I’ve heard that LifeSize has some problems !**

We did have some difficulties with our older model LifeSize system. The IT staff is extremely impressed with the new Cloud model and we have yet to experience any new issues.

This is a much better system all the way around.

## **How does LifeSize help the Salvation Army ?**

A great deal of our face to face meetings, and conference calls are long distance.

While phone-conference calls aren't outrageous in price - they do still cost money. LifeSize costs nothing!

Face to Face meetings require travel time, gas, lodging, food, per-diems, air fare, transportation and time. LifeSize meetings cost nothing! \*\*

\*\* The Army has already paid for the LifeSize systems. They were not cheap, however their potential savings could easily pay for themselves in a short period of time if used! And all future uses will indeed save thousands of dollars and massive amounts of valuable work and personal time.

**Ready to get started ? Copy these questions (along with your answers) into an e-mail and send it to USCSupport :**

- 1. Date of Meeting**
- 2. Time of Meeting**
- 3. What Room did you Reserve ?**
- 4. What device will you be using ?**
- 5. Do you need to present your computer screen ?**
- 6. Does anyone else need to present their computer screen ?**
- 7. Have you done this before from the device you intend to use?**

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