

POL Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Annual Surveillance Report 2024

Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

Change In Authorized Use Cases ▼



1.1 In the last year, did your department have use cases which differed from your “approved use cases” in your BOS-approved policy?

No

Change in Authorized Job Titles ▼



2.1 Does the list of “authorized job titles” in your BOS-approved policy need to change? (i.e. Do you need additional job titles to be authorized to access the data, or do you need to remove any current job titles?)

Yes


2.2 Please provide an updated list of authorized job titles.

0390 Chief of Police; 0395 Assistant Chief; 0400 Deputy Chief; 0488 Commander; Q80 Captain; Q60 Lieutenant; Q50 Sergeant; 0380 Inspector; Q2 Police Officer; Crime analysts in 1822-1825 classifications; Civilian directors and managers: Dir. Crime Strategies; Dir of Forensic Services; Dir. of Technology; Dir. of Strategic Communications; Dir. of Constitutional Policing

2.3 Why have the job titles changed?

The department needs to add authorized job titles so that sworn members and professional staff involved in operating the system or supporting its authorized uses can access data on a need-to-know basis.

Change in Number and/or Type of Technology ▼

 Replacement of Old Technology

4.1 Has any technology listed in the policy been replaced?

Yes

4.2 Why has the technology been replaced?

The department has expanded the use of ALPR cameras, including adding new vendors.

4.3 Please list technology which was replaced (include manufacturer and model information).

Neology ALPR cameras

4.4 Please list technology which replaced the original technology (include manufacturer and model information).

See Section 5 – Addition of New Technology below.

4.5 Please list how many units have been replaced.

One

 Addition of New Technology

5.1 Has any technology been added which is not listed in the policy?

Yes

5.2 Why has the technology been added?

The department has expanded the use of ALRP cameras and added additional vendors.

5.3 Please list technology which was added (include manufacturer and model information).

Flock ALPR, Motorola/Vigilant ALPR, ThomsonReuters Clear ALPR


5.4 Please list how many units have been added.

The department currently has approximately 300 ALPR cameras not including mobile. Total deployment is expected to be 400.

 Ceased Operation of Technology

6.1 Is any technology listed in the policy no longer in use?

No

 Services or Equipment Sources

7.1 List any and all entities, companies or individuals which provide services or equipment to the department which are essential to the functioning or effectiveness of the Surveillance Technology (list “N/A” if not applicable): *

Flock ALPR, Motorola/Vigilant ALPR, ThomsonReuters Clear ALPR

Surveillance Technology Goals 

**8.1 Has the surveillance technology been effective at achieving its identified purpose?**

Yes

8.2 In 3-5 sentences, please explain how the technology has or has not been effective

The department's ALRP cameras are already delivering significant results, leading to arrests for various crimes in San Francisco and also helping jurisdictions locate those who commit crimes in other cities. This includes arrests for crimes including organized retail theft, carjacking, robbery, and sexual assault. These arrests are helping San Francisco to sustain its reductions in crime. Year to date, property crime down 33.5% and violent crime down 14% compared to last year.

Data Sharing ▾



9.1 Has data acquired through the surveillance technology been shared with entities outside of the department?

Yes

9.2 Was the data shared with city and county departments or other entities associated with city and county government?

Yes

9.3 List which departments received surveillance technology data from your department, what type of data was disclosed, under what legal standard the information was disclosed, and a justification for the disclosure.

The department shared digital images of vehicle license plates and their associated vehicles and the date and time the license plate passed a digital image site where an ALPR is located with the San Francisco District Attorney's Office for use as evidence to aid in prosecution under criminal discovery Penal Code Section 1054, as required by law, as well as in accordance with the CA Penal Code, department retention guidelines, and state and federal law.

9.4 Was the data shared with entities outside of city and county government?

Yes

9.5 List which non-city entities received surveillance technology data from your department, what type of data was disclosed, under what legal standard the information was disclosed, and a justification for the disclosure.

Consistent with the Surveillance Technology Policy, the department shared digital images of vehicle license plates and their associated vehicles and the date and time the license plate passed a digital image site where an ALPR is located with the following law enforcement agencies:

Alameda County CA SO
Albany CA PD
Alhambra CA PD
Anaheim CA PD
Anderson CA PD
Arcadia CA PD
Atwater CA PD
Auburn CA PD
Bakersfield CA PD
Baldwin Park CA PD
Beaumont CA PD
Bell Gardens CA PD
Benicia CA PD
Beverly Hills CA PD
Bishop CA PD
Brawley CA PD
Brisbane CA PD
Buena Park CA PD
Burbank CA PD
Burlingame CA PD
Butte County CA SO
Cal Fire
Cal State Fullerton (CA)
California Department of Corrections
California Highway Patrol
California State Parks
California State University Long Beach Campus PD
Calistoga CA PD
Campbell CA PD
Capitola CA PD
Carlsbad CA PD
Carmel CA PD
Cathedral City CA PD
Central Marin CA PD
Cerritos College CA PD
Chino PD (CA)
Chula Vista CA PD
Citrus Heights CA PD
City of Lemoore CA
City of Riverside CA PD
Cloverdale CA PD
Colma CA PD
Concord CA PD
Contra Costa County CA SO

Corona CA PD
Coronado CA PD
Costa Mesa CA PD
Culver City CA PD
Daly City CA PD
Danville CA PD
Dixon CA PD
Downey PD CA
Dublin CA PD (ACSO)
East Palo Alto CA PD
El Cajon CA PD
El Centro CA PD
El Cerrito CA PD
El Monte CA PD
Emeryville CA PD
Escalon CA PD
Escondido CA PD
Fairfield CA PD
Folsom CA PD
Fontana CA PD
Foothill-DeAnza CA PD
Foster City CA PD
Fowler CA PD
Fremont CA PD
Galt CA PD
Garden Grove CA PD
Gilroy CA PD
Glendora (CA) PD
Grass Valley CA PD
Greenfield PD CA
Gustine PD CA
Hanford CA PD
Hayward CA PD
Healdsburg CA PD
Hercules CA PD
Imperial City CA PD
Imperial County CA SO
Indio CA PD
Irvine CA PD
Irwindale CA PD
Kern County CA SO
Kings County CA DAs Office
Kings County Sheriff's Office CA
La Habra CA PD
La Verne CA PD
Lakeport CA PD
Lathrop CA PD
Lincoln CA PD
Livermore CA PD
Livingston CA PD

Lodi CA PD
Lompoc CA PD
Los Alamitos PD CA
Los Altos CA PD
Los Angeles CA PD
Los Angeles County CA SD
Los Angeles Port Police CA
Los Gatos Monte Sereno PD - CA
Madera County SO CA
Manteca CA PD
Marin County CA DA
Marin County CA SO
Marina CA PD
Mendocino County SO-CA
Mendota CA PD
Menifee CA PD
Merced County CA SO
Modoc County CA SO
Montclair CA PD
Monterey County CA SO
Morgan Hill CA PD
Mountain View CA PD (Santa Clara County)
Murrieta CA PD
Napa CA PD
Napa County CA SO
National City CA PD
NCRIC
Nevada County CA SO
Newark CA PD
Newport Beach PD CA
Novato CA PD
Oakland CA PD
Oakley CA PD
OC Sheriff CA
Ontario CA PD
Orange CA PD
Orange Cove CA PD
Oroville CA PD
Oxnard CA PD
Palm Springs CA PD
Palo Alto CA PD
Pasadena CA PD
Petaluma CA PD
Placer County CA DA Office
Pleasant Hill CA PD
Pleasanton CA PD
Pomona CA PD
Port of Los Angeles CA PD
Port of Stockton CA PD
Porterville CA PD

RCATF CA PD
Redondo Beach CA PD
Redwood City CA PD
Ridgecrest CA PD
Rio Vista CA PD
Riverside County CA District Attorney
Rocklin CA PD
Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety (CA)
Sacramento CA DA
Sacramento County CA SO
San Bernardino CA PD
San Bernardino County CA SO
San Bruno CA PD
San Diego CA PD
San Fernando CA PD
San Francisco District Attorney CA
San Joaquin County CA SO
San Joaquin Delta College PD
San Jose CA PD
San Leandro CA PD
San Luis Obispo CA PD
San Luis Obispo County (CA) Sheriff
San Mateo CA PD
San Mateo County CA SO
San Pablo CA PD
San Rafael CA PD
Sand City CA PD
Santa Barbara County CA SO
Santa Clara CA PD
Santa Clara County CA SO
Santa Clara DA CA
Santa Cruz CA PD
Santa Monica CA PD
Santa Rosa CA PD
Sausalito CA PD
Seal Beach CA PD
Seaside CA PD
Sequoias Community College District CA PD
Shafter PD CA
Soledad CA PD
Sonoma County CA SO
South Gate CA PD
South Pasadena CA PD
South San Francisco CA PD
Stockton CA PD
Suisun City CA PD
Sunnyvale CA PD
Sutter County CA SO
Tehachapi CA PD
Tracy CA PD

Tulare County CA SO
Tustin CA PD
Union City CA PD
Upland CA PD
Vacaville CA PD
Vallejo CA PD
Ventura CA PD
Ventura County CA SO
Ventura County District Attorney's Office CA
Visalia CA PD
West Covina CA PD
West Sacramento CA PD
Whittier CA PD
Williams CA PD
Woodlake CA PD
Yreka CA PD
Yuba City CA PD

Accidental Receipt of Face Recognition Data ▼



10.1 Did your department inadvertently or unintentionally receive, retain, access or use any information obtained from Face Recognition Technology?

No

Complaints ▼



11.1 Has your department received any complaints and/or concerns from community members about this surveillance technology?

No

Violations ▼



12.1 Were there any violations of the Surveillance Technology Policy or Surveillance Impact Report, reported through community members, non-privileged internal audits, or through other means in the last year?

No

12.4 Has your department conducted any internal audits of the technology?

No

Statistics and Information about Public Records Act Requests ▼

**13.1 Has your department received any public records act requests for this surveillance technology?**

Yes

13.2 How many public records requests have been made regarding this surveillance technology?

Seven

13.3 Please summarize what has been requested via public records requests, including the general type of information requested and disclosed, as well as the number or requests for each general type of information.

Of the seven overall requests, five requested the proposed or finalized placement of fixed or semi-fixed ALPR cameras in San Francisco, one requested the contract for fixed location ALPR cameras, one requested all images captured by and stored by SFPD or its contractors for the ALPR camera at the intersection of Monterey Blvd. and Circular Ave., and one requested any test images captured by and stored by SFPD or its contractors for the ALPR camera at the intersection of Monterey Blvd. and Circular Ave. The department has asserted all privileges available by law to maintain confidentiality as to the compiled ALPR map depicting the location of all installed ALPR cameras. The map is a record of security and intelligence information that is protected under Cal. Govt. Code section 7923.600(a). The department has disclosed a presentation which addresses what ALPR cameras are, how cameras will be funded, how cameras will be utilized, data driven camera placement, coordination with other agencies that already have ALPR cameras and balancing public safety and privacy. The department also disclosed Department Notice 24-052: "Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Technology: Flock Safety Camera Rollout" which addresses the grant award, and ALPR Rollout and Training & Access. Finally, the department disclosed the SFPD ALPR Policy (BOS approved 12/12/2023 Signed by Mayor 12/19/2023). This document addresses the purpose and scope of the ALPR policy, a general policy statement, business justification, policy requirements, compliance, definitions, authorization and questions and concerns.

Total Annual Costs for the Surveillance Technology ▾

**14.1 List the number of FTE (new & existing).**

N/A. ALRP cameras are used during the normal course of business for Police Officers, Inspectors, Sergeants, Crime Analysts, Lieutenants of Special Investigations Division (or their designee), Deputy Chief of Investigations, Assistant Chiefs and Chief of Police .

14.2 Are there one-time costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025?

Yes

14.3 Are there one-time Salary and Fringe costs?

No

14.5 Are there one-time Software costs?

No

14.7 Are there one-time Hardware/ Equipment costs?

Yes

14.8 List total one-time Hardware/ Equipment costs for FY 2024-2025.

\$350,000 one-time installation cost

14.9 Are there one-time Professional Services costs?

No

14.11 Are there one-time Training costs?

No

14.13 Are there one-time "Other" costs?

No

14.15 Are there annual costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025:

Yes

14.16 Are there annual Salary and Fringe costs?

No

14.18 Are there annual Software costs?

Yes

14.19 List total annual Software costs for FY 2024-2025:

\$1.2 million in annual recurring costs

14.20 Are there annual Hardware/ Equipment costs?

No

14.22 Are there annual Professional Services costs?

No

14.24 Are there annual Training costs?

No

14.26 Are there annual "Other" costs?

No

14.28 What source of funding will fund the Surveillance Technology for FY 2024-2025?

Funded entirely through State of California retail theft grant.

14.29 Have there been any changes to the one-time costs from your department's approved Surveillance Impact Report?

No

14.31 Have there been any changes to the annual costs from your department's approved Surveillance Impact Report?

No