

City of Alameda



Interdepartmental Memorandum

Date: January 15, 2026

To: Captain Jeffery Emmitt
Bureau of Professional Standards

From: Lieutenant Spencer Mountain
Bureau of Professional Standards

RE: 2025 Audit: Policy 438.6, Policy 438.10, and Policy 438.11

I conducted an audit of ALPR systems access and ALPR data for the period of **January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.**

In compliance with Policy 438.6, I have confirmed the Alameda Police Department did the following:

- a) Ensured all mobile workstations are only accessible through a login/password-protected system capable of documenting all access of information by name, date, and time; passwords were changed periodically to meet CJIS standards; departing employees' access to ALPR systems were immediately revoked.
- b) Verified that we received and fulfilled no non-law enforcement requests for access to stored ALPR systems.
- c) Confirmed we received fourteen requests from authorized and verified law enforcement officials and agencies for legitimate law enforcement purposes and shared access to ALPR data with only those agencies whose ALPR policies align with the Alameda Police Department policy's intent and in compliance with Civil Code § 1798.90.5 et seq.

In compliance with Policy 438.11, I randomly selected 10 browsing inquiries conducted by department employees during the preceding 12 months:

- 1/26/2025 [REDACTED]
- 2/06/2025 [REDACTED]
- 2/10/2025 [REDACTED]
- 3/10/2025 [REDACTED]
- 4/13/2025 [REDACTED]
- 5/04/2025 [REDACTED]
- 6/12/2025 [REDACTED]
- 7/05/2025 [REDACTED]
- 9/22/2025 [REDACTED]
- 10/02/2025 [REDACTED]

All of the above listed data searches were found to be in compliance with Alameda Police Department policy. I found no data errors and the efficacy of the ALPR system meets our current standards and needs.

1) A summary of the audit and corrective action taken-

The monthly audit of the queries by Lieutenant Mountain revealed 9 were outside policy in 2025. In each case a report number/incident number was provided but the associated crime code was not. Or the crime code was provided by the report number/incident number was not included. Corrective actions consisted of written training reminders and verbal reminders for each officer or Sergeant found in violation.

2) The number of ALPR cameras are currently – 36 fixed cameras and 21 mobile (in-car) cameras for a total of **57**.

3) The number of scanned license plates – **115,878,492**

4) The number of hotlists hits or alerts – **65,474**

5) The number of search queries was **10,413**, and the justification for such queries were all for criminal investigations associated with a case or incident number.

6) The number of investigative leads generated by the ALPR data – **649**

7) The number of witnesses located by the use of ALPR – **0**

8) The number of stolen vehicles recovered by the use of ALPR data – **24**

9) The number of suspects apprehended by the use of ALPR data- **43**

10) A list of Authorized Agencies that access or received ALPR data – **14**

11) The approved ALPR data requests from third parties came from the following:

Union City Police Department – 1, Santa Clara Police Department – 1, San Mateo Police Department – 1, US Marshal Service (P.A.L. Investigation) – 1, US Postal Service (Robbery Investigation) – 1, Fremont Police Department – 1, Moraga Police Department – 1, Berkeley Police Department – 1, Oakland Police Department – 1, San Juaquin County Sheriff's Office – 1, US Coast Guard Investigative Services (Criminal Investigation) – 1, East Bay Regional Parks Police Department – 1, Pleasanton Police Department - 1

There were zero unapproved ALPR data requests.

12) Total costs for maintenance, upgrades, licensing, and training- **\$171,236.67**