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City of Alameda

Interdepartmental Memorandum

Date: March 5, 2025

To: Nishant Joshi
            Chief of Police

From: Lieutenant Spencer Mountain
            Bureau of Professional Standards

RE: 2024 Audit: Automated License Plate Readers

The Automated License Plate Reader Administrator is responsible for ensuring an audit of the detection browsing inquiries once each calendar year. FLOCK Safety supplies the fixed Automated License Plate Reader cameras and AXON supplies the mobile in-car Automated License Plate Reader cameras. This audit was for **January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.**

Alameda Police Department limits access to automated license plate reader data and makes it available to our active law enforcement officers through a login/password-protected system capable of documenting all access information by name, date and time per Civil Code § 1798.90.52. Passwords are required to be changed periodically according to CJIS standards. We do not allow non-law enforcement requests for data. Data is only released to and shared with authorized and verified law enforcement officials and agencies for legitimate law enforcement purposes.

Below are ten randomly selected detection browsing inquiries conducted by department employees during the preceding 12-month period.

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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 mees our current standards and needs.

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

   The monthly audit of the queries by Sergeant Ortega revealed that **16** were outside policy in 2024. In each case, a report number/Incident number was provided but the associated crime code was not. Or the crime code was provided but the report number/incident number was not included. Corrective actions consisted of written training reminders and verbal training reminders for each officer or sergeant found in violation.

2) The number of ALPR (fixed 36, mobile 21) cameras are currently - **57**

3) The number of scanned license plates - **106,599,914**

4) The number of hotlist hits or alerts - **56,483**

5) The number of search queries was **1,637,** and the justification for such queries was all for criminal investigations associated with a case or incident number.

6) The number of investigative leads generated by the ALPR data - **419**

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 - **68**

9) The number of suspects apprehended by the use of ALPR data - **95**

10) A list of Authorized Agencies that access or received ALPR data - **0**

11) The approved and unapproved ALPR data requests from third parties - **10**
    US Postal Service-2, California Highway Patrol-1, Oakland PD-2, East Bay Regional PD-1, San Bruno PD-1, Hayward PD-1, Santa Clara PD-1, USDA Investigator-1. There were no unapproved requests.

12) Total costs for maintenance, upgrades, licensing, and training-
    a. AXON - $66,236.67
    b. FLOCK - $1,550.00
    Total: **$67,786.67**