

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM
3.108
(ID # 5049)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

FROM : SHERIFF-CORONER-PA:

SUBJECT: SHERIFF-CORONER-PA: Public Comment Opportunity – Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) System, District All.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Allow public comments on the Sheriff's operation of an ALPR program within the unincorporated service areas (pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1798.90.55(a)).


ACTION: Policy


Kevin Vest 8/8/2017

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Ashley, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Washington, Perez and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: Tavaglione
Date: August 29, 2017
xc: Sheriff

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board

Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	
			2016/2017	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

BR 18-021

BACKGROUND:

Summary

For several years, the Sheriff's Department has used an Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) system within several contract cities and one grant purchased system in use in the unincorporated area of Riverside County. The ALPR system consists of cameras mounted to police vehicles that automatically take photographs of vehicle license plates which are then translated into letters and numbers. The resulting data is compared to law enforcement databases to see if the vehicle has been reported stolen, wanted being used in a crime, or is displaying lost or stolen license plates. If the license number is found to be wanted, the system alerts the deputy driving so they can investigate further. Prior to any enforcement activity being initiated, deputies are required to verify the alert with dispatch or directly via the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS). The ALPR data is only accessible by law enforcement personnel for official investigative purposes and all access is logged by user.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department is committed to operating ALPR technology in a measured means that balances personal privacy concerns and public safety. The Department follows strict protocols in the access, storage and use of ALPR data to ensure its integrity and compliance with applicable laws. ALPR data is listed within the Riverside County Records Management and Archive Policy A-43 and is purged two years after being collected. Data may only be used for official law enforcement purposes, and cannot be shared, transferred, or sold for any other use. Employees are required to attend four hours of training about the system and policy prior to being given access to the system. Annual audits of the system to ensure privacy and security shall be conducted by the Sheriff's Technical Services Bureau.

The authorized vendor with access to the ALPR system are required to maintain security procedures and practices, including operational, administrative, technical, and physical safeguards, to protect ALPR information from unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification, or disclosure.

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The Riverside County Sheriff's Department ALPR policy is posted on the Department's website at: <http://www.riversidesheriff.org/> and the dates/locations of public comments will be added once finalized. Contract city partners who have purchased ALRP devices for use within their cities shall also allow for public comment at their regularly scheduled city council meetings.

In 2016, Senate Bill 34 - Automated License Plate Recognition Systems: Use of Data became law. This bill requires ALPR using agencies, to post their policy on the agency's website and provide the opportunity for public comment at a regularly scheduled public meeting of the agencies governing body.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The use of Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology is a valuable law enforcement tool. This technology assists in identifying stolen or wanted vehicles, vehicles associated with missing or wanted people, and stolen license plates. For example, in 2016 there were approximately 1,350 vehicle thefts within the unincorporated areas of Riverside County and approximately 1,150 recoveries. Within our contract cities, there were approximately 5,000 vehicle thefts with approximately 4,200 recoveries. The ALPR system was instrumental in several of those recoveries which led to the arrest and prosecution of criminals and the quick recovery of the victim's vehicle.

ATTACHMENTS:

Riverside County Sheriff's Department Directive #16-074 – Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Technology Usage and Privacy Protection, Dated June 28, 2016.

Direct hyperlink to policy is:

http://www.riversidesheriff.org/pdf/DD16-074-ALPR_TechUsage_PrivacyProtection.pdf


Elizabeth Olson 8/8/2017