Automated License Plate Recognition Systems

As a membership association, our primary focus is to ensure that you have the information and resources you need to make decisions and respond knowledgeably about pressing issues. Earlier this week, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) released a report specific to Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) systems. The ACLU report is product of public records requests received by 293 out of the 587 requests made to state and local law enforcement agencies and focuses on policy/oversight specific to ALPR data retention. The full ACLU report can be found here.

Many of the report’s assertions are presently being communicated widely via the media. Our interest, as stated above, is to ensure our members are aware of the raised issues and know what resources and information is available. The IACP has done extensive work on providing meaningful guidance regarding the use of ALPR; for policy and operational guidance on ALPR, we encourage you to visit the following IACP resources: Policy and Operational Guidance for Law Enforcement, Privacy Impact Assessment, and the National Law Enforcement Model Policy Center. (License Plate Reader – Model Policy Volume IV, #118)

Recent Newspaper Articles:


Articles:

The Role of Automatic License Plate Recognition Technology in Policing: Results from the Lower Mainland of British Columbia
By Inspector Norm Gaumont, Officer in Charge, “E” Division Traffic Services; and Constable Dave Babineau, Media Relations Officer, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Traffic Services in British Columbia
http://www.policechiefmagazine.org/magazine/index.cfm?fuseaction=display_arch&article_id=1671&issue_id=112008

Cincinnati Regional Automatic License Plate Recognition Technology Project
By Captain Russell A. Neville, Information Technology Management Section Commander, Cincinnati, Ohio, Police Department
http://www.policechiefmagazine.org/magazine/index.cfm?fuseaction=display&article_id=1823&issue_id=62009

Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) in Policing
By David J. Roberts, Senior Program Manager, IACP Technology Center
http://www.policechiefmagazine.org/magazine/index.cfm?fuseaction=display&article_id=2914&issue_id=42013

License Plate Readers in San Diego County
By Sergeant Don Shumate, LPR Coordinator, Escondido, California, Police Department
http://www.policechiefmagazine.org/magazine/index.cfm?fuseaction=display&article_id=1799&issue_id=52009