

Public Safety Camera Planning and Policy/ Privacy Considerations

*Enhancing Safety in San Leandro
through
Community Cameras*



City Council Meeting
September 3, 2013

City Council Goals 2013-15

- Provide quality public safety services and work in partnership with the community to keep San Leandro safe.
- Support and implement programs, activities and strengthen communication that enhance the quality of life, including wellness, in San Leandro and promote a sense of community and civic pride.



Staff Recommendations

1. Discuss proposed public safety camera policy and privacy issues.
2. Provide staff direction on adding public safety cameras to the current security camera replacement project for City Hall and Police Department.



Terms

1. Public Safety Cameras (New Program):

Cameras that are located in public places that monitor and/ or record activity in a public place to enhance public safety.

2. Security Cameras (Existing Program):

Cameras for security and used currently at City Hall, Police Department and other city facilities.

3. Automated License Plate Readers-ALPR's (Existing Program):

System that automatically detects and reads license plates. (Stationary and mobile)



Current Technology Project

Current project:

- Replacement of City Hall and Police Department security cameras.
- This is a current IT project.

Staff recommends:

- Building the security camera project to also include adding public safety cameras in two new locations.
- Public safety cameras would include license plate readers



Public input on public safety cameras and policy

1. Reviewed with Chiefs Advisory Board.
 - a) General discussion on Public Safety Cameras and use of ALPR
 - b) Review of public safety camera policy
2. Discussed at public meetings with community groups
3. Council meeting discussion (Sept 3)



Current use of Cameras/ALPR

The Police Department currently uses cameras in the following locations:

- City Hall
- Police Department
- Red Light Cameras
- Access to Traffic Cameras

License Plate Readers are used:

- New Parking Structure
- One Patrol Car
- Pending: 2 additional police cars
- Pending: Re-activate (1) old ALPR



Robbery suspect vehicle



- Monday July 29
1800 hours
- 1200 Daily Dr
- Female walking home
- Armed suspect
- Loss: Purse



Home Invasion Robbery – Suspect vehicle



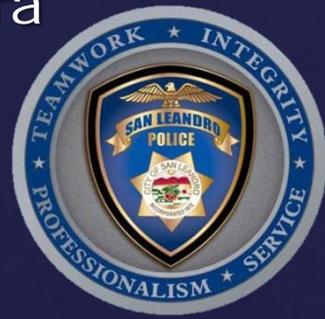
- Occurred July 2013
- Red Light Camera
- Case currently being investigated



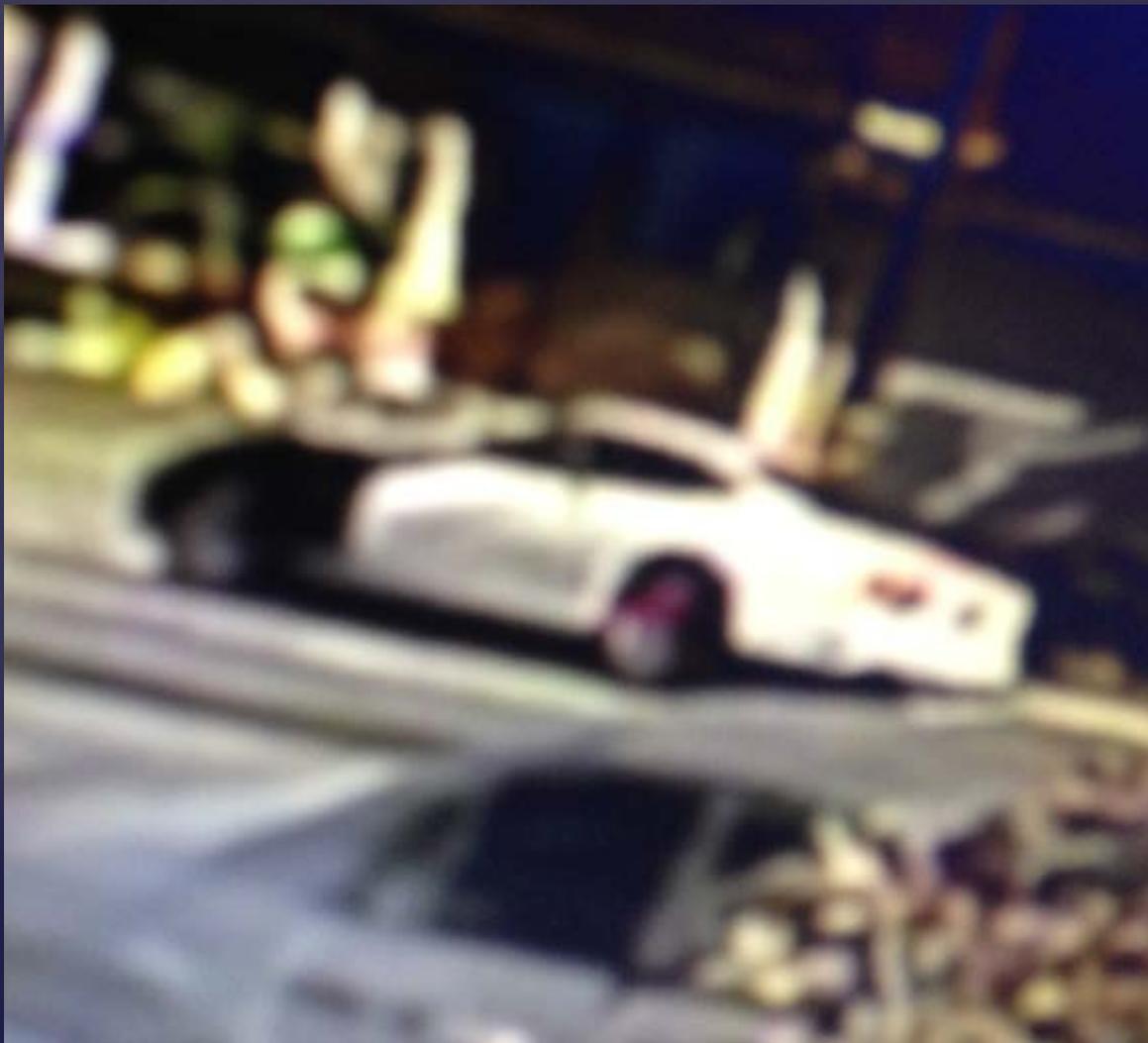
Robbery Suspect Vehicle



- Occurred May 2013
- Suspect vehicle captured by private surveillance camera
- Currently being investigated



Residential Burglary – Suspect vehicle



- Occurred July 2013
- Image captured by home surveillance video and given to PD by homeowner



Home Invasion/False Imprisonment Robbery – Suspect Vehicle



- Occurred April 2013 during daytime hours
- Home video surveillance camera captured suspect vehicle leaving the scene
- Currently being investigated by CID



Effectiveness of the SLPD- ALPR's

1. July 2013- Residential Burglary suspect arrested after searching the ALPR system for a partial plate provided by witness.
2. January 2013- Wanted Felon arrested after an ALPR located vehicle.
3. May 2011- Robbery suspect located by a "DOJ hit/ alert in the ALPR system.
4. Oct 2011 -Homicide suspect arrest after ALPR alerted on vehicle.



Survey on Public Safety camera/ LPR programs

Alameda County:

- Piedmont- LPR program up to 20 locations
- Alameda County Sheriff – 7 cameras
- Oakland- In process- 150+ cameras

Bay Area Cities using LPR and Public Safety Cameras:

- San Francisco
- Pittsburg
- Fairfield
- Martinez
- Richmond



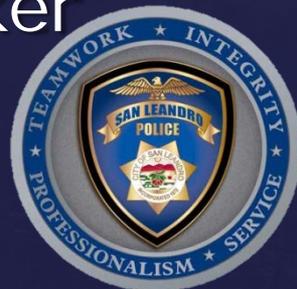
Effectiveness of Public Safety Cameras and ALPR

California Agencies :

- Reduction in crime and cameras/ LPR are effective in solving/ deterring crime.

Police Executive Research Forum 2012:

- Notable successes in reducing crime and solving serious cases such as robberies and homicides.
- LPR is effective in recovering stolen vehicles/ and wanted persons associated with vehicles. Also force multiplier- it can work far quicker than a manual search.



How is this technology useful?

1. Force multiplier

Enhances existing public safety strategies, plans and initiatives

2. Evidence to support prosecution

3. Enhance crime prevention

4. Provide protection to community



Policy Considerations- Public Safety Cameras

Recommended Policy considerations from International Association of Police Chiefs and Security Industry Association:

1. Information from public safety cameras should be for public safety and law enforcement only.
2. Information obtained from public safety cameras should follow legal rules governing handling of evidence, personal privacy and private property.
3. Establish an on-going program assessment



Policy Considerations- Public Safety Cameras

4. Dissemination of information should follow state and federal laws.
5. Data should be purged within a legally appropriate time.
6. Law Enforcement personnel shall be trained.
7. Unauthorized use of camera system will result in disciplinary action.



Retention Requirements- Public Safety Cameras

- The California Government Code mandates a minimum on-year retention- (34090.6 GC)
- This period may be reduced if City complies with Government Code Section 34090.7- requiring written minutes prior to deletion.



Retention Requirements- ALPR

Automated License Plate Reader data:

- Stored at the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center
- For a period of one year per the Attorney General Guidelines and 28 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) part 23



Measuring Program effectiveness

Measurements could include:

- Crimes solved
- Successful prosecutions
- Crime reduction
- Reducing the fear of crime



Auditing: Public Safety Camera program

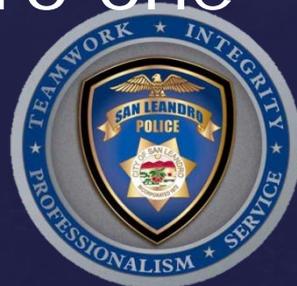
1. Audits conducted annually.
2. Can include an Ad-hoc board of subject matter experts.
3. Annual program review includes:
 - Equipment maintenance
 - Adherence to policy





United for Safety

- Crime Prevention Initiative aimed at:
 - Increasing community involvement in public safety
 - Maximizing the use of technology
 - With the goal of increasing community safety
- Whether you work, live or play in San Leandro, you can help make San Leandro one of the safest cities in Alameda County



Conclusion

Program can be built out through public-private partnerships throughout the city.

Public Safety Cameras can:

- Reduce crime and the fear of crime
- Prevent and deter crime and disorder
- Enhance existing public safety strategies
- Provide evidence to criminal activity
- Reduce costs associated with crime
- Improve the allocation and deployment of police assets



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