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DATE: September 16, 2010
TO: Briefing
FROM: Lt. Steve Birr
SUBJECT: Automated License Plate Reader

As you know, we implemented an Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) system just after the first of the year. We load the hot sheets from California, Oregon, and Washington into the system, and if the vehicle reads a matching plate it alerts the driver. License plates of vehicles wanted for other reasons can also be entered.

The other important feature of the ALPR is that it records a picture of every license plate it sees, a photo of the vehicle displaying the plate, the date and time it was observed, along with the location. At present, we have just under 300,000 entries recorded.

Partial plates can easily be run in the system. For example, if you are investigating a robbery and the witness tells you the getaway vehicle was a blue mini van with a license plate beginning in "289," the partial plate can then be searched in the data base and you can look at the photos of vehicles to see if there is a match.

The system is also very useful in locating vehicles that have been flagged as sold. With as many vehicles as have been entered into the system, there is a significant possibility

that we have documented the vehicle parked somewhere.

To ensure access to the data base 24/7, we have now installed access to the data base on the supervisor's computer at WVCC. In the event you are working a significant case and need an inquiry made into the ALPR data base, you may now contact the dispatch supervisor at 763-1400.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the capabilities of the system. I hope to put on some training on this system at in-service training.

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From: Lt. Steve Birr

Subject: ALPR Car/ Shop 10487

Date: 04/14/11

I wanted to make you aware that we have added the list of vehicles the City wants to boot for not paying parking tickets into the functionality of the ALPR on a trial basis. To qualify for a boot, a vehicle must have over \$60 in outstanding parking tickets that are over 30 days old. The hit should come in as a low priority with a notice to "Notify Parking Enforcement." During normal business hours you can simply ask dispatch to notify them. Please avoid mentioning anything about the ALPR on the radio. Outside of normal business hours, you need not do anything as the system will automatically email Jeff Barnes.

At present, there are over 5,000 cars in our city that qualify for a wheel boot. That represents a significant amount of unclaimed revenue. If you encounter any problems with this, please tell me.