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Attachments: Letter From ACLU.pdf; Invoices for ALPR.pdf

Bennett --

Please see the message below from the Dallas County Sheriff's Office. Please let me know if you find this response lacking in any way and I will be sure to follow up with them. Thanks!

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Daniel Collins,
This is the response to your letter dated July 31, 2012 in reference to Public Records Request / Automatic License Plate Readers

Records Requested

Records created from January 1, 2006 to present:

1. All records regarding policies, practices and procedures for procuring and using ALPR technology, and for storing, accessing and sharing data obtained through ALPR technology.
[The North Texas Auto Theft Task Force does not have a written policy for the use of the ALPR, storing, accessing and sharing data obtained through ALPR technology.](#)
2. All records regarding the procurement of ALPR technology, including
[See attached](#)
 - a. Sources of funds used to pay for ALPR technology:
[All ALPR are purchased with funds from the Texas Auto and Burglary Prevention Authority grant.](#)

b. invoices for the purchase of ALPR technology;

See Attached

c. local government approval for any ALPR purchase;

NA

d. interactions with vendors, supplies and potential suppliers of ALPR technology including materials and fact sheets supplied by vendors describing their products.

No Records

3. All records regarding the use of ALPR technology, including

a. what types of data are obtained;

Stolen vehicles in the state of Texas

b. the number of license plates scanned and/or read in a given time period (day, month, year, etc.);

FY 2008 ALPR used to read 323,213 License Plates and to recover 147 stolen vehicles.

Fy 2009 ALPR used to read 1,167,903 License Plates and to recover 221 stolen vehicles .

Fy 2010 ALPR used to read 1,016,762 License Plates and to recover 177 stolen vehicles.

Fy 2011 ALPR user to read 906,566 License Plates and to recover 109 stolen vehicles.

c. the number of ALPR units or systems acquired;

The North Texas Auto Theft Texas Auto Theft task force acquired 3 ALPR units and 1 ALPR was donated by the National Insurance Crime Bureau and 1 donated by PIPs technology for a total of 5 ALPR units.

d. the number of vehicles equipped with ALPR technology;

Five vehicles are equipped with ALPR units

e. for stationary deployments, the number and physical location of ALPR units;

The North Texas Auto Theft Task Force does not use stationary units.

f. the technical capabilities of the ALPR units.

The North Texas Auto Theft task Force use the ALPR units to recover stolen vehicles only.

4. All records regarding the storage of data obtained using ALPR technology, including

a. what type of data are stored for any period longer than an hour;

None

b. how long data is stored;

NA

c. when data must be discarded;

NA

d. how many individual license plate scan records your agency currently stores.

NA

5. All records regarding access to ALPR data, including

a. the legal justification required before an individual access ALPR data;

The ALPR that are used by the North Texas Auto theft Task Force are only used by law enforcement officers to recover stole vehicles.

b. purpose for which data may be accessed;

See answer to 5a.

c. purpose for which data may not be accessed;

See answer to 5a.

d. who may access the data, what procedures they go through to obtain access, and who may authorize access;

See answer to 5a.

e. the existence or non-existence of a system that records who accesses the data and when data is accessed;

No system.

6. All records regarding the sharing of data obtained through ALPR technology, including

a. what type of data is shared;

No data from the ALPR is shared.

b. which database your agency puts collected ALPR data into;

The North Texas Auto Theft Task Force does not collect ALPR data

c. third parties, governmental or private, that may access your agency's ALPR data;

No third parties may access the ALPR data.

d. any agreements to share ALPR data with outside agencies, corporations or other entities.

The North Texas Auto Theft Task does not share ALPR data with outside agencies, corporations or other entities.

7. All records regarding obtaining ALPR data from third parties, including which data bases your agency can access.

The North Texas Auto Theft Task Force does not obtain ALPR data from third parties.

8. All training materials used to instruct members of your agency in ALPR deployment, data management, or operation of automated records

systems that contain ALPR data to which any member of your agency has access, including regional or shared ALPR databases.

No training material used.

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