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Re: Public Information Request/ ALPRs

Mr. Collins;

This letter is an effort to respond as accurately as possible to the Public Information Request regarding Automatic License Plate Readers. Some of the information requested is not available. I will send this letter and the subsequent documentation regarding each question in electronic format.

Procurement- The ALPRs were purchase with a 2010 Homeland Security Grant SHSP in the amount of \$47,590. Normal State purchase policy was used with the vendor supplying HGAC contract pricing. Various vendors were solicited and demonstrated their products. The selected vendor (Federal PIPS) was chosen from performance and price evaluations. Sources of funds, invoices, government approval, and some of the research materials are attached.

Records regarding the use of ALPR technology- The Groves Police Department equipped three vehicles with Federal Signal PIPs two camera ALPR systems. The units are mobile, not stationary. We currently compare ALPR data to TCIC/ NCIC hot sheets as well as local warrant databases.

Records regarding the storage of ALPR data- The type of data obtained would be vehicle photos/ LP reads of license plates. The number of plate reads per day varies significantly between shifts and ranges from xxxxx to xxxxx. All data currently is permanently stored and is not purged. We estimated that over 50,000 LP reads have been stored. The data is currently only accessible by the ALPR operators. The access to the data is available to Groves Police Department officers only for legitimate investigative purposes and can only be accomplished



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with assistance from our IT staff. The data is stored and accessed for inquiry by a SQL database managed by our IT staff.

Records regarding access to ALPR data- All ALPR data is accessible to all Groves PD officers for legitimate investigative purposes. The data is currently stored on the local server and is not available to any other agency. The data must be retrieved by IT personnel and is not available to non-ALPR operating officers without assistance from our IT staff. The information is available to the officers who operate the ALPR equipped units in the field.

Records regarding the sharing of data obtained through ALPR technology- Currently no sharing of ALPR data is occurring. We do not have policy in place at this time that addresses this matter. All data is stored on a SQL database. We currently do not share with third parties and will not share with anyone other than law enforcement in the future. Our future policy will specifically state that we will not relinquish control of our data to anyone, including any law enforcement agency.

Records regarding obtained ALPR data from third parties- We currently obtain data from DPS through TCIC/ NCIC.

All training materials used to instruct members of this agency in use of the ALPR- All training materials were returned to the instructors at the end of the initial training. No new training has occurred.

I hope the above information and the attached electronic files are sufficient in answering your questions.

Sincerely,

Jeff Wilmore
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