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To: American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland

From: Sheriff Lewis *AK*

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Reference: Maryland Public Information Act Request / Automatic License Plate Readers

Per your request under the Maryland Public Information Act Request / Automatic License Plate Readers we have provided the information requested.

1. See attached General Order / License Plate Reader Program.
2. See attached Grant Award Letters.
3. ALPR Technology.
 - a. Data obtained.
 - i. license plate number, date & time image captured, image of vehicle and license plate, Latitude & Longitude, user logged in at time (Deputy), patrol vehicle in use, if there was a misread on a hit, if there was a hit, what hot list was hit on, what action was taken on a hit, if no action taken, why?
 - b. Sampled July 2012- 17831 reads between 7/1/12 & 7/31/12.
 - c. 3 systems acquired & installed.
 - d. 3 vehicles.
 - e. N/A- Only use vehicle mounted systems.
 - f. To read license plates and capture data referred to in 3.a.i. above from a series of 4 roof mounted cameras.

4. Records regarding storage of data obtained.
 - a. Same as stated in 3.a.i. above.
 - b. We currently have data back to Feb. 2010.
 - c. Currently there is not a set date.
 - d. Currently we have 532749 reads however they include mailboxes, house numbers and some street signage.
 - e. N/A
5. Accessing ALPR Data.
 - a. Locally, three Analysts have access to the data of local reads available to be searched. Plates are only searched when an identified tag or partial tag have been made part of an official police report. In the event of a request of the search of an area by Latitude & Longitude, an official police report is also required before that data is searched.
 - b. Looking for suspect vehicles either by plate or partial plate number, as well as vehicles in the nearby location of a crime.
 - c. To see if a car was in an area for purposes other than investigating a crime or suspected criminal activity (checking on a spouse, etc).
 - d. There are three analysts that have credentials to access the reads. As stated in 5.a., an official police report needs to be filed. The analysts typically attempt to locate suspect vehicles prior to being requested, due to reading police reports daily. In the event that information was recently developed, and not yet included in the report, a sworn law enforcement officer may request a tag be searched after providing the case number of the police report.
 - e. There is no history of information queried or accessed. Only a list of users currently logged in.
 - f. N/A
6. Sharing of ALPR data.
 - a. All data as noted in 3.a.i. above is shared.
 - b. BOSS database (local) ELSAG (MCAC-Dump).
 - c. No 3rd parties access the database.
 - d. We have a MOU with MSP and do not share data with any corporations.
 - e. N/A
7. N/A (see 6.c. above).
8. Training materials cannot be released without prior written consent from the vendor (Federal Signal Company).
9. See attached.
10. See attached General Order / License Plate Reader Program.
11. N/A