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From: Louizou, Tom <NHTSA>
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2009 11:42 AM
To: Purdy, Shannon <NHTSA>
Subject: RE: White Paper on Automatic License Plate Readers

The basis for the document is the New York P&P that I provided to Marlene and Mike. It in turn was based on a handshake between Chuck DeWeese and me re the use of S402 or other funds for LPRs. We agreed to 1/3 participation with Federal funds. We would support the purchase of one unit for every three purchased. After examining the State use program where costs were shared among NHTSA, Justice and State Police, it turned out that NHTSA money has only paid for 15% of the over 500 units in use.

Early monitoring yields that the vast majority of hits are made for suspended/revoked drivers, In Canada, it was 70%.

Still, the wildcard is what the police program the units to look for. In lower NYC, they are looking primarily for certain individuals and stolen vehicles under the assumption that those would be used by terrorists.

I think the one for three ratio is a good one.

The NHTSA document was designed for the regions that are being hit with requests, now. They use NY as an example. NY has more units in use than any other State.

My report on this is in the public directory and in an old e-mail that you may have.

The limitation that our money must be prorated for highway safety use is statutory. Crime reduction is not in our mission nor in our authorizing language. Chief Counsel was very wary of DDACTS because of its emphasis on crime. In fact, even some in Justice felt we were encroaching.

Tom

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From: Purdy, Shannon <NHTSA>
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Subject: RE: White Paper on Automatic License Plate Readers

Tom - interesting - while the guidelines are rather soft, there's clearly some language that'd prove contradictory and challenging for potential DDACTS sites. The whole idea is to maximize resource effectiveness by using things like EDRs and ALPRs for BOTH crime and traffic interdiction. I wonder how/if that'll be handled?

I'll stay mum til such lofty decisions are made - and hope to travel ice-free.

Cheers,
Shannon

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From: Louizou, Tom <NHTSA>

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Subject: FW: White Paper on Automatic License Plate Readers

Richard's lead. This appears to be an un-codified, internal guidance document. Hold it close.

Please place it in our hard binder and e-policy folder.

Use it to guide and influence your lead State's decisions.

Any other thoughts on its use and distribution?

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Subject: White Paper on Automatic License Plate Readers

Several regions have requested clarification and guidance on Section 402 or other Federal funding for automatic license plate readers. We have worked with the Mike Geraci and the EJS Division and prepared the attached white paper to use as guidance in working with the states on this issue. If you have any additional questions please don't hesitate to call Mike or me. Please feel free to share this with your staff. Hope you find this useful.