

POLICE COMMISSION

Expenditures Related to Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant



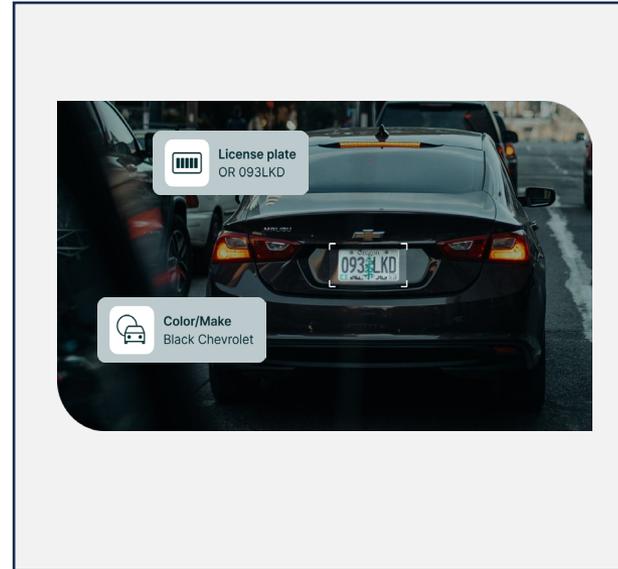
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WHAT ARE ALPR CAMERAS?



Cameras that read license plates and vehicle descriptors
(e.g., make, model, and color)

Installed at high-traffic intersections to detect stolen or
wanted vehicles



HOW CAMERAS ARE FUNDED

BSCC Organized Retail Theft grant fully funds 400 cameras over the 3-year grant period including:

- Installation
- Maintenance and repair
- Operation and data storage

Cost structure:

- Installation costs are \$335,000
- Operating costs are \$1,200,000 per year
- Total cost over 3-year period: \$3,935,000

Camera placement will be distributed throughout the City and planned in consultation with engineers, subject matter experts, and crime data reports.



CONTINUATION AFTER GRANT

SFPD will have discretionary options to extend at fixed pricing for up to 5 additional years

Option years will have to be funded either by new grant opportunities, the SFPD operating budget, or any other new funding sources

We will reevaluate at the end of the grant term for contract renewal



HOW WILL CAMERAS BE UTILIZED?

Stolen vehicles:

- *Plates are compared to lists of stolen cars and plates (CA DOJ Stolen Vehicle Service)*

Amber Alerts:

- Search SF camera network and connected camera networks for missing or kidnapped people

Criminal investigations

- Identify and track vehicles used in crimes and organized crime, like burglary, robbery crews and organized retail theft.

Other emergencies

- Locate vehicles in emergencies like critical incidents, terrorist attacks, or other life-threatening situations.



WHAT ELSE CAN CAMERAS BE USED FOR?

Nothing – if it is not one of those 4 authorized uses, use is prohibited



WHO WILL USE?

Police Officers, Investigators, Sergeants, Crime Analysts, Lieutenants of SID, or their designee, Deputy Chief of Investigations, Assistant Chiefs and Chief of Police

Users will have unique login for audit purposes



CLOSE TO CAMERAS TRACKING ALL MOVEMENTS IN THE CITY?

Nowhere close:

400 cameras \cong 100 intersections

6,399 intersections in San Francisco

$100/6399 = 1.57\%$



RETENTION

System retains images for 1 year (required by 19B policy)

Longer retention if preservation required: can be booked as evidence or downloaded to casefile

Data strictly owned by SFPD, may not be shared or sold by Flock



BALANCING PUBLIC SAFETY & PRIVACY

Stationary ALPR cameras are compatible with San Francisco values:

1. Consistent with community policing model
2. Distributed throughout city, not in specific areas
 - a) Focuses on vehicles, not people
3. Focus on public places with high traffic
4. Compliant with 19B including prohibition of facial recognition
5. No selling of data, or sharing for immigration or health-related enforcement
6. Not utilized for traffic enforcement (e.g. traffic tickets)
7. Audit capability to prevent misuse

