



City of Roseville Statement on Automated License Plate Reader Technology

The City of Roseville has used Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology since 2018, following a public process that included the opportunity for public comment during a City Council meeting. Since then, the technology has helped Roseville Police investigate and solve hundreds of crimes, including assault, kidnapping, rape, attempted murder, robbery, stalking, vehicle theft, and other serious offenses. This technology has been instrumental in bringing justice to victims and is an invaluable tool in protecting our community. We strongly believe Roseville would be a less safe community without this investigative tool.

Recently, ALPR technology has raised concerns among some residents. While we have heard these concerns, the majority of feedback we receive continues to be supportive of its use. We appreciate everyone who has taken the time to share their views. We understand privacy and public safety are important. We know use of this technology has been an emotional issue debated across the country and on social media. While the legal landscape continues to evolve, at this time, federal courts and a recent California court decision have affirmed that the use of ALPR technology does not violate constitutional rights.

The City is committed to serving the best interests of our residents and our Police Department is committed to protecting public safety while also safeguarding people's individual and constitutional rights.

The Roseville Police Department has policies governing the collection, storage, and use of ALPR data, including:

- **60-day retention limit:** Data is retained for no more than 60 days.
- **City ownership:** The City retains ownership of the data, which is never sold to third parties.
- **Restrictions on sharing:** Agencies requesting access must meet established requirements. Department policy prohibits sharing ALPR data with federal agencies for immigration enforcement.
- **Audits and oversight:** Compliance audits are conducted every 60 days, with an additional quarterly program review by the ALPR Administrative Team.

- **Limited capture:** Cameras capture point-in-time images of the rear of passing vehicles, rather than continuously tracking individuals.
- **Historical searches:** Officers are required to enter the type of offense and associated case number when searching ALPR for investigative purposes.

ALPRs are an investigative tool, not a substitute for officer judgment or independent verification. The Roseville Police Department's procedures include the following safeguards:

- **Investigative leads only:** An alert does not, by itself, justify a traffic stop, detention or arrest.
- **Required verification:** Officers visually verify the plate and confirm that the alert is accurate and still relevant to an active investigation before taking action.
- **No misuse:** The department reports zero instances of ALPR misuse based on current auditing practices.
- **No enforcement based on misreads:** No person has been pulled over or arrested due to a misread ALPR alert.

Like 911 calls and tips, ALPR alerts can provide leads that require further investigation. Used appropriately, they help officers identify suspects, locate stolen vehicles, and connect crimes that might otherwise go unsolved.

We understand that some residents have requested a separate “town hall” meeting on this issue. City Council meetings provide a public forum for residents to express their views, and we do not believe an additional meeting is necessary at this time, nor do we believe a town hall is an appropriate venue for this complex issue. We will continue to listen to community feedback and evaluate our ALPR program as laws, court decisions, and policies evolve.

At this time, we support the continued use of ALPR technology in accordance with applicable law and established department policies. We stand with national, state, and local public safety agencies in recognizing its value as an investigative tool. These agencies include:

- International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
- Major Cities Chiefs Association
- Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA)
- Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA)
- National Alliance of State Drug Enforcement Agencies (NASDEA)

- National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO)
- National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives (NAWLEE)
- National District Attorneys Association (NDAA)
- National Fusion Center Association (NFCA)
- National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Directors Association (NHDA)
- National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC)
- National Real Time Crime Center Association (NRTCCA)
- National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)
- Small and Rural Law Enforcement Executives Association (SRLEEA)
- California Peace Officers' Association
- California Police Chiefs Association
- California State Sheriffs' Association

For more information about the department's ALPR policies and safeguards, please visit [Roseville Police Department's page dedicated to this issue](#). Additional questions may be directed to RPDPublicAffairs@roseville.ca.gov and will be answered in an efficient manner.