



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SHERIFF

AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER (ALPR) PRIVACY POLICY

The San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office (SJSO) uses Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology to assist in our mission to enhance public safety and support lawful law enforcement investigations. This policy describes how ALPR data is collected, used, retained, shared, and protected **by the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office (SJSO) as the owner and operator of the ALPR system.**



AUTHORIZED USES

ALPR data is used only for official law enforcement purposes. Authorized uses include, but are not limited to:

- Investigating criminal activity
- Locating missing persons
- Recovering stolen vehicles
- Supporting active investigations
- Enhancing officer and public safety



AUTHORIZED ACCESS

Access to ALPR data is restricted to sworn personnel and authorized staff who have a valid law enforcement purpose, have completed required training, and are approved to use the system.

All users must agree to this policy and are responsible for complying with all applicable laws and regulations.



TRAINING

All authorized users are required to complete initial and ongoing training regarding:

- Proper use of ALPR technology
- Privacy and data protection
- Legal requirements
- This policy

Training is documented and maintained.



AUDITING & MONITORING

All searches and access to ALPR data are logged and auditable. The SJSO conducts regular audits to ensure compliance with this policy and applicable laws.

Misuse of ALPR data will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination and/or criminal prosecution.



PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

This policy is publicly available on the SJSO website.

Members of the public may request information about the ALPR system by contacting:



DATA RETENTION

ALPR data is retained for **365 days** from the date of capture, unless associated with an active investigation, case, or legal hold.

After **365 days**, data is automatically purged and cannot be retrieved.



SHARING OF ALPR DATA

ALPR data will not be shared except as permitted by law and consistent with this policy. Data may be shared with:

- Other law enforcement agencies for official law enforcement purposes
- Prosecutors and other authorized entities
- As required by court order or law

ALPR data will not be used for immigration enforcement or shared with federal agencies for immigration enforcement purposes.



DATA SECURITY

The SJSO implements reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect ALPR data from unauthorized access, use, or disclosure. Only authorized personnel may access the system, and all access is logged.



ACCURACY

ALPR data is subject to verification. ALPR information is an investigative lead only and does not by itself constitute probable cause. Enforcement action will not be taken solely on the basis of ALPR alerts without confirmation.

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