



Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Program

Using Best Practices to Protect
Public Safety,
Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil
Liberties

Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Technology and Vendors

- ALPR is not new technology.
 - Parking enforcement systems
 - Airport / commercial parking facilities
 - Toll roads and bridge tolling systems
- *Only law enforcement personnel with a need and right to know the information may access ALPR data after completion of training that includes privacy and civil liberties protections. DOJ CLETS and Policy Training Required per SB 34.*
- Assists law enforcement by automating previously manual processes to improve efficiency and effectiveness.





How ALPR Helps Investigations

Real-time
alerts / Pointer
system

Stolen vehicles
or plates

AMBER alerts

Wanted
suspects

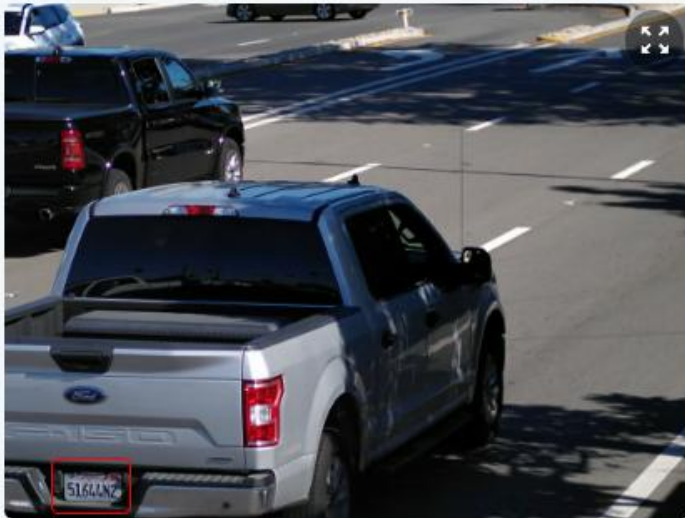
Locate
vehicles tied
to crimes

Crime-scene
canvassing

SB 34 Compliant Use

ALPR “Hit”

03/11/2026 at 3:33:48 PM PDT



CA

51644N2



01: Lark EB @ HWY 17

Details

Lookup

Search Requirements

Search Search Lookup Convoy Multi-Geo Visual

Investigative Purpose ⓘ

* Required Field

Offense Type *

Enter offense type

Case Number *

Enter case number (required)

Reason *

Enter search reason (required)

Vehicle Details

License Plate

Enter license plate

Plate State

Any

☐ Include Partial Plate

Vehicle Fingerprint

Enter body, make, color, etc

Location & Time

Location

All Network(s) Selected



Map & Devices

Start

03/11/2026 01:30 PM

End

03/11/2026 03:30 PM

Last 15 Min

Last 2 Hours

Last 24 Hours

Last 48 Hours

Last 30 Days

Advanced Filters (1)

Transparency and Legal Safeguards

California SB 34 requires:

Identification of custodian of record

Logged searches and audits/ Posted Policy

No ALPR data is sold/only shared with LE

Sharing only with other CA public agencies

Public comment prior to implementation

Data retention (30 days – 5 yrs)

Sharing rules, even for PRAs

Search Features

- ☒ Convoy Search
- ☐ Access Statewide Network
- ☒ Multi-Geography Search
- ☒ Visual Search
- ☐ Freeform Search

Policies



What's Detected

License Plates, Vehicles



What's Not Detected

Facial recognition, People, Gender, Race



Acceptable Use Policy

Data is used for law enforcement purposes only. Data is owned by Los Gatos Monte Sereno PD and is never sold to 3rd parties.



Prohibited Uses

Immigration enforcement, traffic enforcement, harassment or intimidation, usage based solely on a protected class (i.e. race, sex, religion), Personal use.



Access Policy

All system access requires a valid reason and is stored indefinitely.



Hotlist Policy

Hotlist hits are required to be human verified prior to action.

Usage



Data retention (in days)

30 days



Number of LPR and other cameras

17



Organizations granted access to Town of Los Gatos CA data

San Jose State University CA, Campbell CA PD, Foothill-DeAnza CA PD, Gilroy CA PD, Los Alto Hills CA PD, Los Altos CA PD, Milpitas CA PD, Morgan Hill CA PD, Palo Alto CA PD, San Jose - Evergreen Community College Campus PD CA, San Jose CA PD, Santa Clara CA PD, Stanford University CA PD, Sunnyvale CA PD, West Valley Mission College Dist Campus (CA)



Hotlists Alerted On

California SVS, NCMEC Amber Alert



Vehicles detected in the last 30 days

449,700



Hotlist hits in the last 30 days

1,483



Searches in the last 30 days

198



This is to certify that



has successfully completed the certification test for

Less Than Full Access Operator

on

July 30, 2025

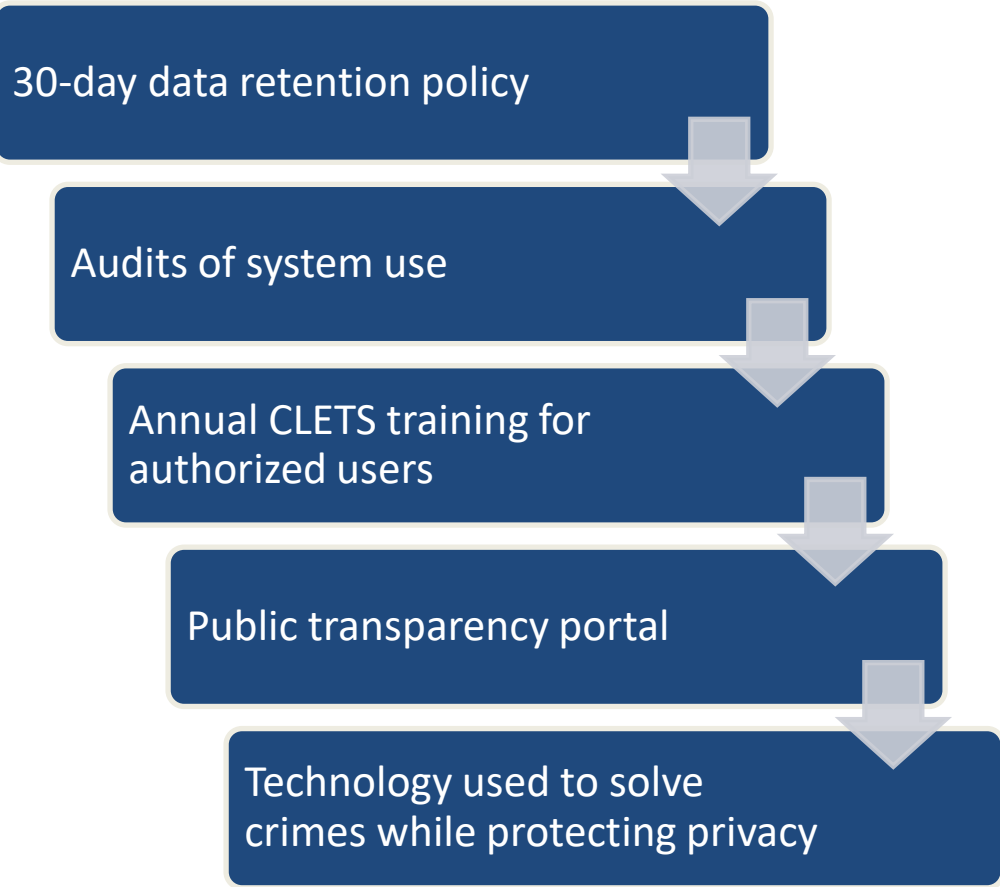
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July 30, 2026

CLETS information can only be accessed by **authorized** law enforcement and criminal justice personnel.

Responsible Use

30-day data retention policy



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graph TD; A[30-day data retention policy] --> B[Audits of system use]; B --> C[Annual CLETS training for authorized users]; C --> D[Public transparency portal]; D --> E[Technology used to solve crimes while protecting privacy];
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Audits of system use

Annual CLETS training for
authorized users

Public transparency portal

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Future Safeguarding:

Senate Bill 1013 (Sabrina Cervantes) -

*"Automated License Plate Recognition
Systems"*