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Broward County Chiefs of Police Association Supports the Responsible Use of License Plate Recognition Technology

BROWARD COUNTY, Florida - The Broward County Chiefs of Police Association supports the lawful, responsible, and accountable use of License Plate Recognition (LPR/ALPR) technology to advance legitimate public safety objectives. LPR technology is an important resource for preventing and solving crime, locating missing and endangered persons, recovering stolen vehicles, identifying vehicles associated with serious criminal activity, and enhancing the safety of officers and the communities they serve. By providing timely information and investigative leads, LPR systems can help law enforcement respond more effectively and strengthen criminal investigations.

Our support for this technology is grounded in an equally strong commitment to constitutional policing, individual privacy, civil rights, civil liberties, and public trust. Law enforcement agencies have an obligation to ensure that LPR technology is used consistently with the Constitution, applicable law, and agency policy. The information generated by these systems should be accessed and used only for legitimate law enforcement and public safety purposes. Agencies utilizing LPR technology should maintain clear policies governing authorized use, access, training, retention, auditing, and supervisory oversight. Regular audits and supervisory reviews help ensure compliance and reinforce public confidence in the responsible use of this technology.

Strong safeguards must also include appropriate accountability. Suspected misuse should be reviewed promptly and, when substantiated, addressed through appropriate corrective or disciplinary action. Agencies should use audit findings and identified concerns to strengthen policies, training, access controls, and supervisory practices. These measures help ensure that LPR technology remains focused on its intended purpose: protecting the public and supporting legitimate law enforcement operations.

Protecting individual rights and protecting our communities are shared responsibilities. With strong policies, appropriate safeguards, meaningful oversight, and accountability, LPR technology can continue to help law enforcement prevent and solve crime, locate those in danger, protect victims, and nurture safer communities.

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