



Los Angeles County
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

**Automated License Plate
Recognition (ALPR) System**

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ALPR Privacy Policy



LASD maintains a written ALPR Privacy Policy governing system use

Policy establishes rules for:

- Collection of ALPR data
- Use of ALPR technology
- Data retention and destruction
- Information sharing
- Oversight, auditing, and accountability

Policy requires compliance with all applicable federal, state, and county laws.

Legal and Policy Framework



- California Civil Code sections 1798.90.5 – 1798.90.55 (SB 34)
- Government Code sections 7282 – 7284.12 (SB 54)
- LASD Manual of Policy and Procedures – 5-09/550.00 through 5-08/550.50
 - **ALPR Privacy Policy – 5-09/550.05**
- Field Operations Directive 09-004, ALPR System
- Other Department policies protecting privacy, data privacy, and civil liberties

Department policies available at [LASD.org/Transparency](https://www.lasd.org/Transparency)



What Data is Collected

ALPR systems capture information associated with vehicles observed in public locations:

- License plate number
- Date and time of capture
- Geographic location of capture
- Image of the vehicle and license plate

This information is stored in the Department's ALPR database for authorized law enforcement use.

No personal identifying information is collected.

How ALPR Data is Used



ALPR data may be used for authorized public safety purposes, including:

- Criminal investigations
- Identification and location of wanted persons
- Crime analysis
- Recovery of stolen vehicles
- Investigatory leads in subsequent investigations
- Missing persons and lifesaving efforts

ALPR data may **NOT** be used for:

- Personal or non-work-related purposes
- Civil immigration enforcement

Data Retention



- Under revised policy, ALPR data will be retained for two years
- After two years, records are archived and no longer visible to general users
- Data is permanently deleted after five years
- Exceptions may apply for ongoing investigations, prosecutions, or legal proceedings such as appeals



Information Sharing

- ALPR data may only be shared with other **public agencies** for legitimate law enforcement purposes
- Data sharing requires an inter-agency agreement
- Partner agencies must comply with applicable laws (SB 34 and SB 54) and privacy protections
- ALPR data may not be sold or used for commercial purposes
- ALPR data may not be shared for civil immigration enforcement unless required by law or pursuant to a judicial warrant

There are no inter-agency agreements with any federal agencies



Oversight and Transparency

- All ALPR queries and system access are logged
- Internal audits are conducted at least annually
- Semi-annual reports will be provided to:
 - Office of Inspector General
 - Civilian Oversight Commission
 - Board of Supervisors
- Summary reports will be published on the Department's transparency website