

**Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff**  
**In-Car Video Recording System ("Axon Dash Cam System")**  
**Annual Surveillance Report: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

**1. Description of How the Technology was Used**

Authorized Sheriff's Office personnel routinely utilized the Axon Dash-Cam System, to capture footage of deputy interactions with the public during their duties, as well as footage of persons being transported in the back of patrol vehicles. The Axon Dash-Cam Systems captured vehicle enforcement stops, vehicle pursuits, detention of persons, consensual encounters, and emergency responses by deputies to incidents and calls for service. No facial recognition software was used with our dash cameras or on any static photographs taken from the video footage.

**2. Data Sharing with Outside Entities**

Consistent with the Board-approved Surveillance Use Policy, audio and video footage from the Axon Dash-Cam system were routinely shared with the District Attorney's Office as evidence to aid in criminal prosecution during this reporting period. The Sheriff's Office understands that the District Attorney's Office may have provided video and audio footage to the Public Defender's Office and private criminal defense attorneys as required by California discovery laws, but the Sheriff's Office does not track such data sharing.

**3. Community Complaints or Concerns**

Any community complaints regarding the use of the Axon Dash-Cams are routed to Lt. Kelvin Mah in Internal Affairs for tracking and response.

During the period for this annual report, there were no community complaints or concerns expressed to the Sheriff's Office regarding the Axon Dash-Cam System.

**4. Non-Privileged Internal Audits / Policy Violations**

All Sheriff's Office staff are provided all Surveillance Use Policies via an internal web-based portal requiring review and a completed attestation of acknowledgement.

Consistent with the Surveillance Use Policy, Axon Dash-Cam System footage is frequently reviewed by supervisors to ensure the Axon Dash-cam System Surveillance Use Policies and other Sheriff's policies were being followed, as well as to identify functional issues with the

cameras or equipment, and to identify any potential training issues. These audits did not reveal any Surveillance Use Policy violations between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

There is no evidence to suggest that this technology was used disproportionately affecting lower-income community members or community members of color.

## **5. Effectiveness in Achieving its Identified Purpose**

The Sheriff's Office believes this equipment has effectively met the identified purposes of the system by providing documentary evidence for criminal investigations, internal or administrative investigations, and civil litigation, in addition to enhancing public trust. Valuable, directly relevant evidence from the system was routinely submitted to the District Attorney's Office for criminal prosecutions. Audio and video footage was routinely reviewed by the Sheriff's Office's Internal Affairs Unit in connection with investigations into alleged employee misconduct.

## **6. Public Records Act Requests**

The Sheriff's Office has a process in place to track Public Records Act requests, with designated staff to receive and respond to each request. During the reporting period, the Sheriff's Office received two (4) California Public Records Act requests for Axon Dash-Cam System footage.

## **Annual Costs**

During this reporting period, there was a cost of \$ 357,249.38 from the Sheriff's Office budget related to the annual subscription/license fee of the new AXON FLEET 2 system.