

Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff
Command Vehicle Camera
Annual Surveillance Report: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

1. Description of How the Technology was Used

The primary objective of the Command Vehicle Camera (Pelco CC3770 Series Day/Night Camera) was to monitor the perimeter of the Command Vehicle in real time to provide security for staff inside of the Command Vehicle during high-risk or tactical operations. Sheriff's Deputies did not utilize the Command Vehicle Camera during this reporting period.

The Command Vehicle Camera has been obsolete and inoperable for several years as previously reported. The Office of the Sheriff removed the camera from the command vehicle to be disposed of in accordance with County guidelines. The Office of the Sheriff is notifying the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors of its intent to discontinue use of the Command Vehicle Camera technology and that it has been removed from the vehicle's telescoping mast. The Office of the Sheriff requests the Command Vehicle Camera surveillance use policy be retired and no longer be required to submit annual reports for this item.

2. Data Sharing with Outside Entities

This camera does not record any data and no live footage was viewed by or shared with outside entities during this reporting period.

3. Community Complaints or Concerns

Any community complaints regarding the use of the Command Vehicle Camera are routed to the Internal Affairs Lieutenant for tracking and response. According to Internal Affairs, there were no community complaints or concerns Office regarding the Command Vehicle Camera expressed to the Sheriff's during this reporting period.

4. Non-Privileged Internal Audits / Policy Violations

All Office of the Sheriff staff are provided all Surveillance Use Policies via an internal web-based training course requiring annual review and attestation of acknowledgement completion. Supervisors are required to monitor and audit the use of the Command Vehicle Camera to ensure compliance with the Surveillance Use Policy and other department policies. Internal audits were not performed during this reporting period due to the fact that the Command Vehicle Camera was not deployed and was inoperable.

5. Effectiveness in Achieving its Identified Purpose

During this reporting period, the Command Vehicle Camera was not used because the camera is obsolete and inoperable. Sheriff's deputies have not identified a suitable replacement and will no longer be attempting to retrofit the camera. The camera has not been able to achieve the intended purpose during this reporting period as it had when this policy was initially approved.

6. Public Records Act Requests

The Office of the Sheriff has a procedure to track California Public Records Act (CPRA) requests where designated staff are assigned to receive and respond to each request. The Office of the Sheriff did not receive any California Public Records Act requests for the Command Vehicle Camera during this reporting period.

7. Annual Costs

The Command Vehicle Camera was purchased as part of the overall grant funded command vehicle project 17 years ago. There were no costs associated with the Command Vehicle Camera during this reporting period.