

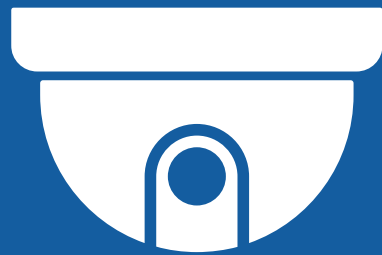


UPDATE ON SDPD'S SMART STREETLIGHT & ALPR PROGRAM: IMPACT, OVERSIGHT AND NEXT STEPS

Watch Commander's Office



WHAT IS SMART STREETLIGHT TECHNOLOGY?



SITUATIONAL AWARENESS CAMERAS

- Fixed view, no pan, tilt or zoom
- Records only public spaces, all other areas digitally masked
- No audio recording, gunshot detection, or facial recognition
- Data deleted after 13 days if not tied to an investigation



AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER (ALPR)

- Scans passing vehicles in public spaces
- Captures license plate and notable vehicle features
- Data deleted after 30 days if not tied to an investigation



REAL PEOPLE. REAL CRIMES. REAL RESULTS.

March 2024: System aided in finding a missing man with dementia, ensuring his safe return.

June 2024: ALPR data helped locate a suspect who attempted to kidnap a 6-year-old child.

November 2024: ALPR played a key role in identifying suspects involved in a series of hate crimes in Hillcrest.

December 2024: Helped capture a burglary suspect linked to over a dozen break-ins involving a sledgehammer.



PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY WITH TECHNOLOGY THAT WORKS



Has assisted in over **450 cases**, including homicides, robberies, burglaries, and attempted kidnappings.



Has aided in more than **320 arrests**, including 270+ suspected car thieves.



More than **350 stolen vehicles** recovered, and motor vehicle theft dropped **20 percent** last year.



BOOSTING EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS

- **Minimizes Non-Essential Encounters:** Narrows search pools, helping avoid unnecessary public stops
- **Force Multiplier:** Enhances officer capability and investigative capacity
- **Cuts Costs:** Allows for precise searches, reducing the need for wide-area patrols and costly overtime
- **Supports Recruitment & Retention:** Officers want to work with investigative tools that boost their effectiveness and keep them safe



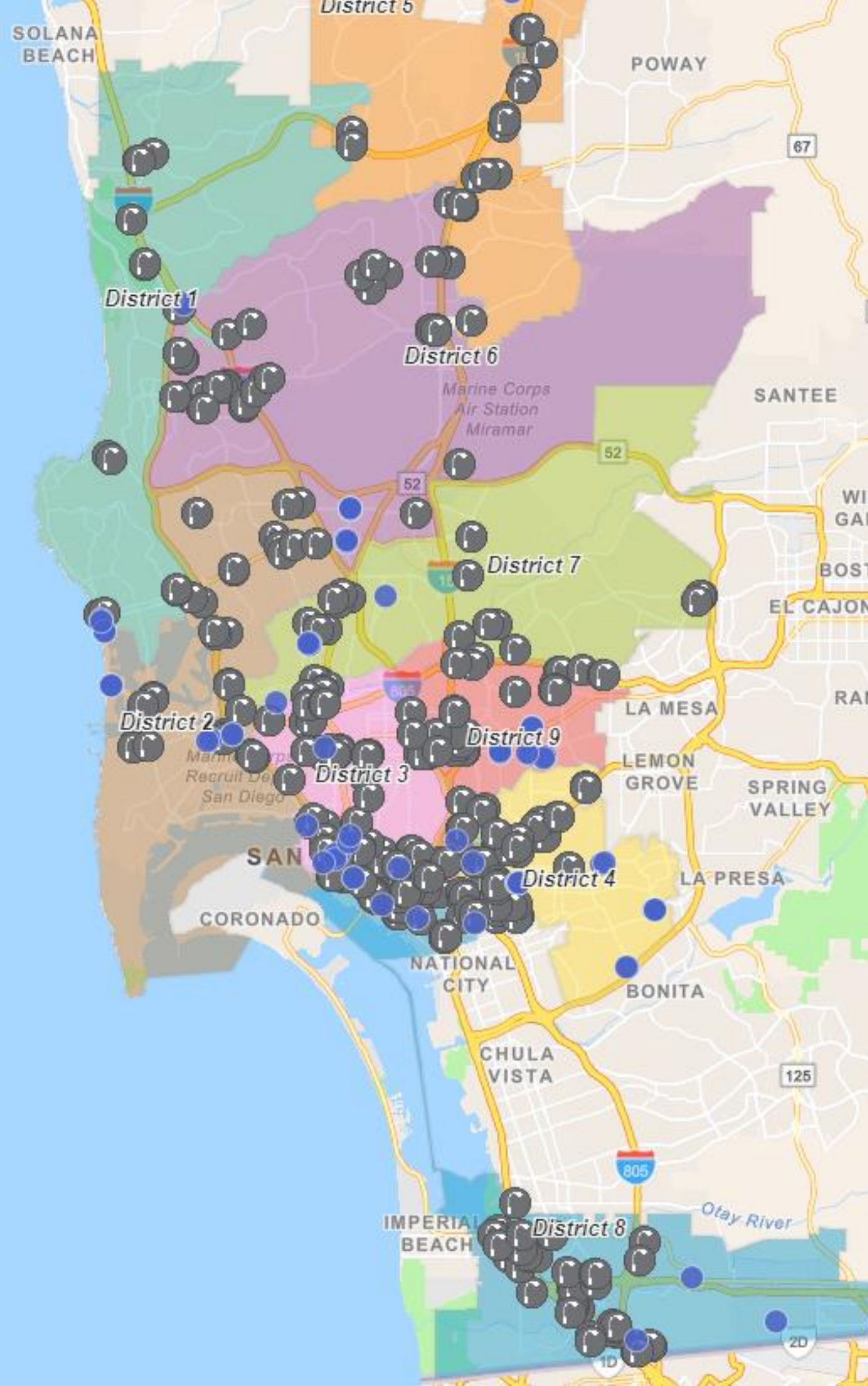
TRANSPARENCY AND SYSTEM ACCOUNTABILITY





PROGRAM LAUNCH AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- The Smart Streetlights program was developed with several legal frameworks in mind:
 - **SB 54** – Prohibits police departments from being involved in immigration enforcement
 - **SB 34** – Sets strict rules for how ALPR data can be shared
 - **TRUST Ordinance** – Establishes local oversight and transparency requirements for surveillance technologies
- All Smart Streetlight and ALPR policies were reviewed by the Privacy Advisory Board and City Council
- Camera installation began in December 2023
- All 500 cameras have been installed, and locations are publicly available online for full transparency





ANNUAL SURVEILLANCE REPORT AND DATA SHARING

- As required by the TRUST Ordinance, the Department submitted its first Annual Surveillance Report for all surveillance technologies in February
- The Department openly disclosed ALPR data had been shared with federal and out-of-state agencies on a case-by-case basis for criminal investigations *not* related to immigration or reproductive care
 - Shared with CBP in cases involving kidnapping and human trafficking
 - Shared with HSI in cases involving drug trafficking and serious crimes against children
- After the report was published, the California DOJ contacted the department, and all such sharing has been halted

ADDRESSING IMMIGRATION CONCERNS

- SDPD does not enforce immigration law
- The Department has never shared ALPR data to aid in immigration investigations
- The Department would oppose and resist any attempts to access ALPR data for immigration enforcement
- Community safety is our priority, regardless of immigration status





BRIEF ACCESS ERROR IDENTIFIED AND FIXED

- After submitting the Annual Surveillance Report, the Department discovered it had missed a brief period of unintended outside access caused by a Flock error at launch
- From Dec. 29, 2023, to Jan. 17, 2024, that error allowed CA law enforcement agencies to search SDPD's ALPR database
- No access was granted to federal or out-of-state agencies during this period
- Issue discovered through an internal audit, and setting immediately fixed
- Has not occurred since
- Once the omission was identified, the Department notified the Privacy Advisory Board and committed to resubmitting the report



STRENGTHENING AUDITS, POLICY & COLLABORATION



Immediate actions taken

- Stopped all sharing of ALPR Data with federal and out-of-state agencies in April
- Issued department-wide directive re-iterating that stance in May
- Issued department-wide order on TRUST Ordinance auditing requirements in April



Actions in progress

- Annual Surveillance Report will be resubmitted to include early shares; PAB will have 90 days to review
- Commitment to amending ALPR Use Policy to clarify sharing restrictions
- Commitment to exploring ways to improve auditing process

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- This industry-standard technology is a proven crime-fighting tool, locally and nationally
- SDPD is committed to updating its ALPR Use Policy and strengthening its auditing processes in collaboration with the PAB
- The Department has not and will not use this technology to assist the federal government with any kind of immigration or reproductive care investigation
- SDPD recognizes and respects the role of our oversight board and City Council in this process



QUESTIONS?

