



# ANNUAL SURVEILLANCE REPORT 2025

*Research, Analysis and Planning Division*  
**The San Diego Police Department**



# Overview

**The Annual Surveillance Report reviews SDPD's use of all surveillance technologies:**

- **The report is required under the City's TRUST Ordinance and is designed to promote transparency, public understanding, and accountability.**
- **It explains how the technology was used, what benefits it provided, and what safeguards protect privacy and civil liberties.**

## Highlights for 2025 include:

- Increased auditing and transparency practices
- ALPR Use Policy strengthened with added safeguards – the result of continued collaboration with the Privacy Advisory Board
- Simplified and consolidated drone policies for clarity and accountability



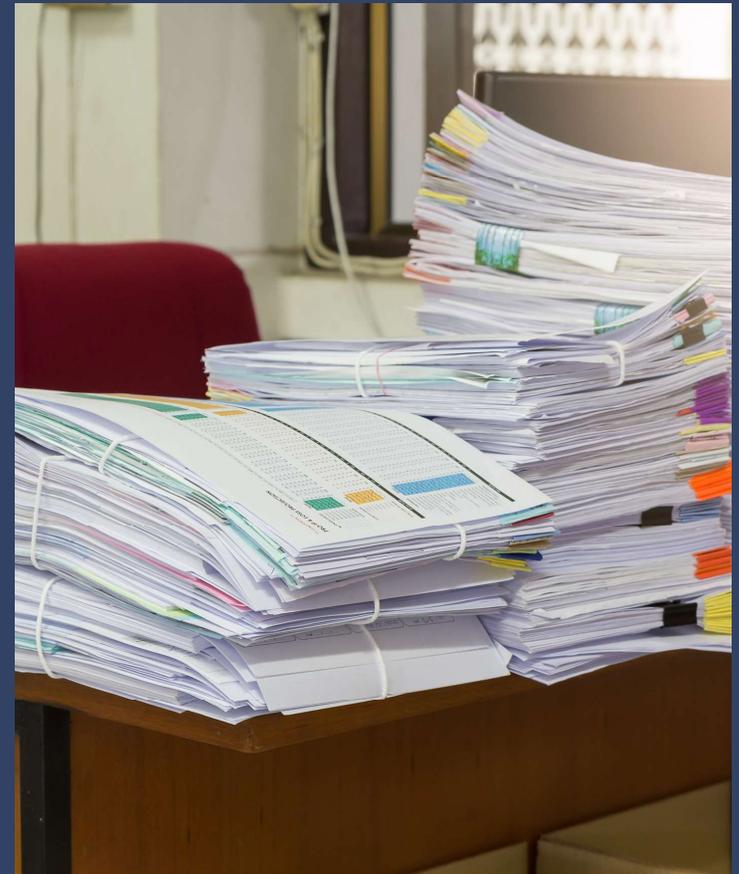
# New accountability and audit measures

## Case and event number requirements:

- Technology requiring justification for use must include a case/event number
- Ensures documented, traceable use of surveillance technologies

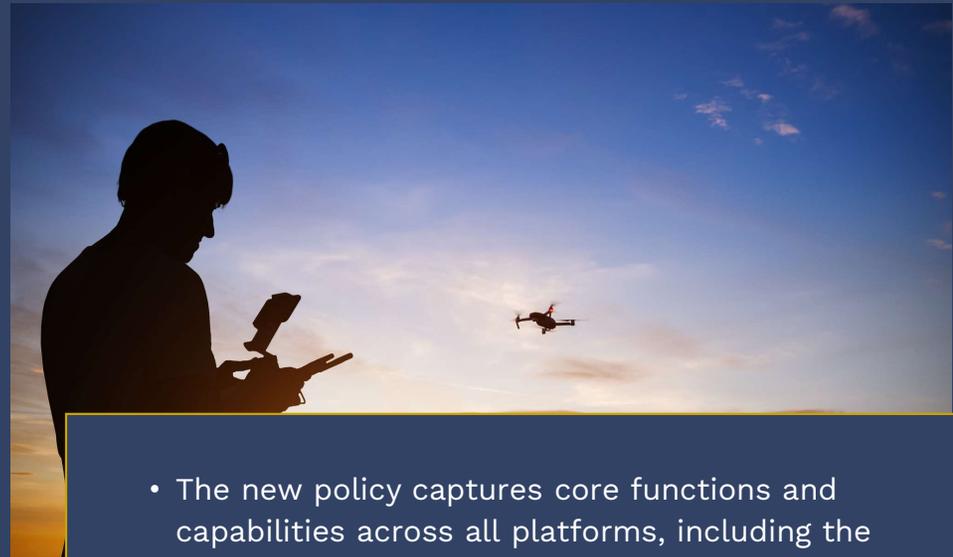
## Expanded auditing systems:

- Quarterly audits conducted by subject matter experts
- Annual independent inspections by the Inspection and Control Unit
- Developed in response to PAB recommendations



# Unified drone (UAS) Use Policy

Consolidated 16 separate drone policies into one policy for all UAS



- The new policy captures core functions and capabilities across all platforms, including the variations previously spread across 16 documents
- Ensures a consistent approach to how all drones are used
- Reduces review burden and simplifies oversight for the Department and the Privacy Advisory Board



# ALPR Use Policy updates

### New safeguards added this year:

- Searches cannot be based solely on past arrests, detentions, or prior police contact
- Off-duty ALPR access generally prohibited
- Mayor and City Council notified within 14 days of any data breach

### Ongoing work with the PAB:

- Some PAB recommendations are being addressed through the ALPR contract process
- The Department will continue to keep the PAB informed on progress

# Real cases, real outcomes

## ALPR

This tech was used to solve a fatal hit-and-run involving a bicyclist.



## GrayKey & Cellbrite

This tech has assisted in the recovery of 57 adult and 62 juvenile human trafficking victims

## Drones

This technology helped locate 2 lost children at the beach during busy summer months.

## Drones

This technology has helped reconstruct high profile crime scenes.

# QUESTIONS?



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AND