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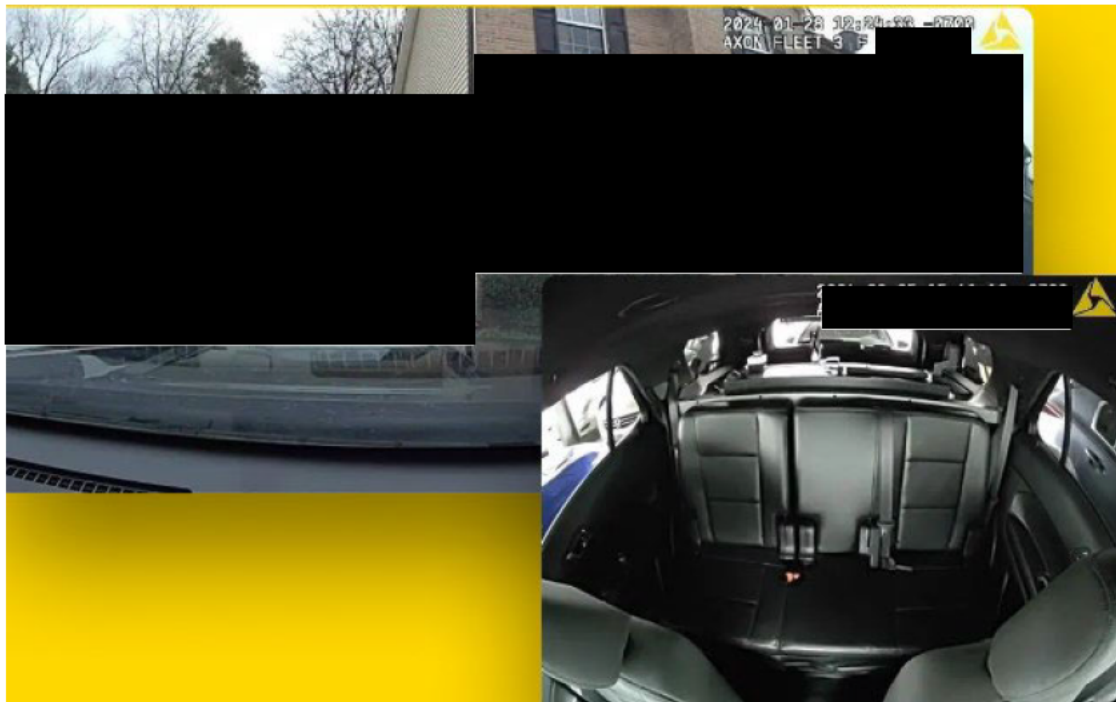
TO: ALL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL **FROM:** Paul Joseph
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SUBJECT: AXON FLEET 3 PATROL VEHICLE **DATE:** July 12, 2024
CAMERAS

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The San José Police Department has installed Axon Fleet 3 automated license plate reader (ALPR) cameras in 20 patrol vehicles. Eight of the 20 vehicles are assigned to day/mids shifts and 12 are assigned to swing shift.

The primary purpose of the system is the same as that of previous ALPR models, which is to continuously capture photos of license plates. However, the Fleet 3 is also equipped with a forward facing dashcam (a second camera on the ALPR unit) that captures the area in front of the vehicle and an interior camera that captures the rear passenger (prisoner) compartment.



Unlike the ALPR, the dashcam and interior cameras were designed to be used entirely at the officer's discretion and must be manually activated by the officer. Below is a list of frequently asked questions regarding the interior cameras on the Fleet 3 ALPRs:

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Q: How are the cameras activated?

A: There are two activation buttons on the front camera, one that activates the dashcam and a second one that activates the rear compartment camera. They can be activated together (simultaneously) or separately (one at a time). Both cameras can also be activated using software installed on the MDC.

Q: Are the interior cameras on the Fleet 3 similar to a body worn camera (BWC)?

A: Yes. The interior cameras are very similar in function to the BWCs currently used by the Department, with the exception that, unlike the BWC, footage from the Fleet 3 automatically uploads to evidence.com. No docking is required. Retention of footage is the same as with the BWC.

Q: Are there any automatic “triggers” that activate the interior cameras, such as using emergency equipment, or opening a door?

A: No. [REDACTED] the dashcam and interior camera on the Fleet 3 in the patrol vehicles require the officer to manually activate them by pressing the activation button on the camera or by using the provided software on the MDC. They do not have any automatic triggers.

Q: Do the cameras have audio?

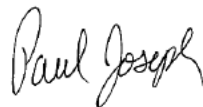
A: Yes. Both the dashcam and rear compartment camera have microphones, but neither will record until the officer manually activates the camera. As with the BWC, there is a 30 second buffer of video without audio.

Q: Is there any Department policy requiring the officer to activate the cameras?

A: No. Unlike BWCs, activation of the dashcam and/or interior vehicle camera is entirely at the officer’s discretion.

Q: Is footage from the Fleet 3 subject to Public Records Act requests?

A: Yes. If the officer chooses to activate the dashcam or rear interior camera, the footage falls under the same rules as the BWC and can be subject to PRA requests.



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