GET THE FACTS ABOUT

Automated License Plate Recognition

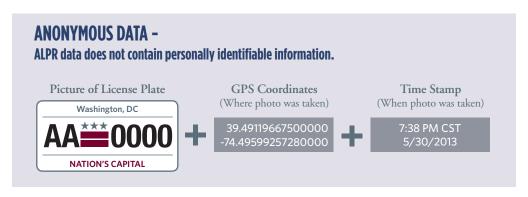




ALPR 101 Automation - Not Tracking

ALPR enables the automation of widely used, but time consuming and inefficient manual processes.

License plate readers photograph license plates in public spaces and in plain view and ONLY record the date, time, and location where the photograph was taken.



LPR helps law enforcement solve crimes every day. The use of LPR technology is under attack - an attack that could cripple the ability of law enforcement to do their jobs and jeopardize the safety of officers and the public.

License Plate Readers on patrol cars, tow trucks, highway overpasses, airports and other locations capture license plate photos of passing cars. The data is stored with a date, time and location stamp and is compared against databases of vehicles of interest in criminal investigations including murder, child molestation, terrorism, missing persons, and more. This historical license plate data is immensely valuable to law enforcement investigators.

CRITICAL DATA – PAST AND PRESENT



Real-time LPR - Gives law enforcement immediate alerts to help find KNOWN wanted persons or vehicles on existing "hot lists".

Historical LPR data - Allows discovery of historical images of license plates to assist in the investigations of major crimes.

Privacy protected: Permissible purpose required; system audited; improper access leads to cutoff and penalties.

If you or your family were the victim of a crime, this "historical" data could be the very data law enforcement needs to help you.



CRIMES SOLVED FASTER



OVER 87% OF AGENCIES

REPORTED THAT LPR ASSISTED IN SOLVING PART 1 MAJOR CRIMES

NetChoice Law Enforcement Survey

Because over 70% of all crimes involve a vehicle, data from license plate readers solve crimes

EVERY DAY.

Law enforcement LPR uses - Amber Alert, stolen vehicle, murder, rape, child sexual exploitation, and more.



COMMERCIAL USE PREVENTS FRAUD

MORE ASSETS RECOVERED, MORE FRAUD PREVENTED

Commercial LPR uses include lender asset recovery, insurance fraud investigations, commercial real estate development, and traffic research.

Myths vs. Facts About ALPR

MYTH: LPR data can be used to track you or other ordinary citizens.

FACT: You and every other citizen are protected by the Drivers Privacy Protection Act (DPPA) which restricts connecting an LPR photo to information about the registered owner of the vehicle. In addition, Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL) 28.214 makes it illegal for a person to disclose license plate registration information in a manner that is not authorized by law or rule.

MYTH: LPR data does not help in solving crimes and saving lives and does not help me or my family.

FACT: Law enforcement data shows that LPR helps to solve crimes and save lives every day. You and your family are all protected by LPR.

MYTH: Proposed laws limiting how long LPR data can be stored will protect my privacy.

FACT: A license plate only contains numbers and letters – not personally identifiable information. The license plate reader photographs the numbers and letters and does not identify the owner or driver of the vehicle. Pending legislative proposals prevent law enforcement from using technology to solve crimes and to protect you and your family. A far better approach is to put strong LPR data access requirements in place. To prevent misuse and stalking, LPR data captured by law enforcement should be protected data and not subject to Freedom of Information (FOIA) requests.

PROVEN EFFECTIVE

Millions of investigations supported in thousands of agencies nationwide.

CASE STUDIES:

THE CASE: In Grand Rapids, law enforcement investigating a robbery of an elderly woman identify a partial license plate number of a vehicle involved in the crime. Based upon this information, a query of the ALPR system was performed and a suspect vehicle and suspect were identified. The suspect fled the state but was ultimately arrested numerous states away after robbing an elderly couple. He was still driving the suspect vehicle. Further investigation revealed that same suspect was identified as a suspect in a homicide that occurred several months earlier. A query of historical ALPR revealed that the same suspect vehicle was being operated in Grand Rapids on the date of the homicide.

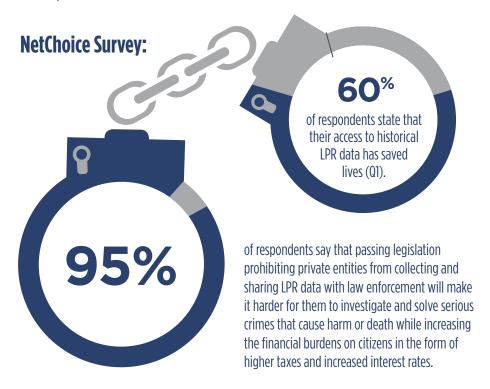
THE CASE: 15-year-old girl missing after last being seen getting into a vehicle to get a ride from Monroe, NY, to her uncle's home in Boston. LPR data led to the successful location of the girl and helped to bring her to safety, and the conviction of her abductor for sex crimes.

THE CASE: In California, law enforcement was called to the scene of a murder where the body of a female college student was bound and stuffed in a closet. Detectives spoke with the victim's boyfriend who denied seeing the victim the day she disappeared. Detectives used ALPR to show that his car was parked in front of her apartment the day she was murdered. This was compelling evidence to confront the boyfriend. He ultimately confessed to the murder.

THE CASE: Mother reported her daughter missing, unable to reach her for over a week. Detectives used ALPR data to identify the daughter's vehicle on three occasions in the prior week at an apartment complex. Working with property management, the detectives located the daughter, who was close to death.

PROTECT ALPR - IT PROTECTS US

Some states are considering new laws to restrict LPR use that would diminish or take away life-saving and crime-solving tools from law enforcement. LPR is a constitutionally protected activity - taking pictures of things in plain view. Existing laws already protect license plate data. Access restrictions and usage monitoring mean that those who misuse the data are caught and penalized. To prevent misuse and stalking, LPR data captured by law enforcement should be protected data not subject to public records requests.



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