

ST Meeting #14 - 11.16.21

Participants:

Nico
Jessica
Rich DeVesty
Mark King
Ken Stewart
Chief Cecile
Sharon Owens
Ocesa Keaton
Jen Tiff
Tim Gleeson

Agenda:

- Samsara - part #2
- Flock Safety Update
- Questions

Meeting Notes:

Samsara outstanding questions

- Samara keeps all the data on their cloud and we can access it. It gives a thumbnail every 2 minutes but we can request the videos anytime. The data is retained for an indefinite amount of time, you can go back to any date/anytime.
- Access to this data is limited at the City level. There are only 3 individuals (Rich, Corey, Anne Fordock) have the ability to request videos.
- There are read-only user accounts, these are the accounts that other DPW staff would have access to. This means they are only able to browse the thumbnails provided.
- 80 vehicles with cameras, unsure how many additional that will have GPS only sensors.
 - Technology is being installed on equipment right now.
- The old GPS only told them where the equipment was, this new GPS system is plugged into the computer in the vehicle. It shares a lot of detailed information about the vehicle. For example, you know what's going on with the engine, how much gas is in the vehicle, how fast it's going, if the driver is wearing his seatbelt, and so forth.
- This GPS also provides real-time location, the old GPS equipment would just provide breadcrumbs for vehicle location.
- There is no single person watching all the footage, superintendents are looking into the video feed for the vehicles and equipment they are responsible for.
- A complaint would trigger a review of footage. For snow events, they can look to see what the street conditions are on different sides of town.
- The cameras are capturing video streaming. Only when the vehicle turns on do the cameras begin to record.
- Video is only forward-facing, no images are being captured inside the vehicle.
- Can SPD request video footage? (for criminal investigation) - Rich said that he would share the recording if SPD requested it.
 - Chief said that there are a number of ways that this technology could be useful to SPD in investigations. (Rich offered to show the dashboard and what that would look like if anyone was interested)
- The next step would be to determine if this tech should be exempt. If the group decides that it's not, we will need to open it up to a public comment period.
 - Deputy Mayor expressed concern about doing the public comment period on a technology that we have already purchased and installed on the equipment.
 - Jen asked if we had any internal procedure around how we might handle a request such as this one? She suggested that given the policy we have set in place that this technology would in fact be exempt.
 - Ocesa suggested that we look at the date it was purchased in relativity to the executive order, but we could consider the installment and use of the technology to date as a pilot so that we can still move forward with a full review by the group.
 - Rich needs to confirm if they have any internal policy/procedure around how they are using the data.
 - This is something the group should recommend.


Flock Safety Update


- Not going with the 75 as planned, more like 10 or 20.
- Same tech, no changes there. If they get this approved they will pilot more than one of them to see which is the best.
 - After the pilot, SPD will be looking to purchase quickly.
- We should do a public comment period with company A or company B, but if we reveal the actual company it could make a mess of the procurement process.
 - Chief does not think it would impact the procurement at this time.

Action Items:

- Reach out to Ruthnie to initiate the public comment period for Flock Safety
- Follow up with Rich DeVesty and ask for documentation on what date the procurement process started with Samsara (and if it was after the E.O. signing, then move forward with the public comment)

Decision Points:

 Samsara will not be exempt.

 Flock Safety will move forward with a full review and public comment period.