

ST Meeting #19 - 2.08.22

Participants:

Nico Diaz
Jason Scharf
Chief Kenton Buckner
Chief Joe Cecile
Mark King
Ken Stewart
Mujtaba Tirmizey
Deputy Mayor Sharon Owens
Ocesa Keaton
Daniel Schwarz, NYCLU
Kelsey May
Michelle Sczpanski
Johannes Himmelreich
Jennifer Tift

Other Participants:

SPD Officer Derek McGork
SPD Officer Richard Schoff
SPD Officer Richard Trudell

Absent

Martha G. (Excused)

Agenda:

- License Plate Reader (LPR)
 - Review of previous inputs
 - Vote regarding LPR Formal Recommendation to the Mayor
- Questions

Meeting Notes:

LPR:

- Nico reviewed the Power Point Presentation including information from Chief Cecile and Daniel Schwarz from the NYCLU.
- Nico asked if the City should adopt this technology?
 - Mark King raised concerns regarding the ability for individuals and agencies being able to request License Plate information through a FOIL request.
 - Mark shared a link regarding a NYCLU article: <https://www.nyclu.org/en/automatic-license-plate-readers>
 - Johannes also shared that he is concerned that other cities have shared LPR data with Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
- Deputy Mayor Sharon Owens stated that she felt that we need to put procedures in place who is able to attend from each department.
- Michelle Sczpanski - Asked what data would be able to be shared for this.
- Daniel Schwarz - Stated that we don't know about the accuracy of the vendor and would like this to be opened to an independent audit.
 - Said that misreads have led to arrest, being handcuffed and other concerns.
 - Expressed concern about readers near minority neighborhoods.
- Deputy Mayor Sharon Owens - Stated that the LPR's were all across the city and that she didn't think it was fair to state that they were in predominantly minority neighborhoods.
- Ocesa Keaton - Asked about the length of time that data would be held.
 - Nico responded that NYS Policy does not have a time limit.
- Ocesa Keaton requested that an end date for data be put in place.
 - Chief Cecile stated that an APB can be put out right now based on a vehicle being involved in a crime.
- Nico requested that we vote in favor of a pilot with the proper policies in place.
- Sharon Owens asked about signage about technology being used to use License Plate readers.
 - Chief Cecile stated that he did not believe that signs would be put up, but they may be hooked up to Solar power.
 - Chief Cecile stated that a doing the LPR's as a pilot would be fine.
- Michelle Sczpanski asked if after the pilot, this would come back to the Surveillance Tech group.
 - Nico stated that he believed that this would come back to the Surv Tech Committee for review.
- Daniel Schwarz stated that he could provide a summary of those policies and recommendations.
- Nico advised that a sub-committee meet with a purpose of drafting the stipulations recommended for using the LPR, and then send this out to the Committee members, so that a vote can be taken offline.
 - The following individuals agreed to be a part of this sub-committee: Daniel Schwarz, Johannes Himmelreich, Nico Diaz, Kelsey May, and Mark King.
- Chief Cecile stated that many department's are adopting the Lexapro policy, which he stated that he will email out to the group.
- A vote on LPR was not taken today.

Action Items:

- The sub-committee arrange a time to meet and discuss to draft stipulations regarding the LPR.
- Chief Cecile will email the API team information about the "Lexipol Policy" that other Police Departments are adopting regarding LPR for the Surv. Tech. Working Group to review.