



New Bedford Police Department

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ALPR Camera and Data Use Memorandum of Understanding

The New Bedford Police Department shall authorize access to our Automated License Plate Reader (LPR) cameras and data. Please review the following memorandum of understanding and return for access.

The LPR system, and all data collected, is the property of the New Bedford Police Department. Your department personnel may only access and use the LPR system for official and legitimate law enforcement purposes, **memorialized by a call number, or report number in "search reason" field**, consistent with New Bedford Police policy within this memorandum.

The following uses of the ALPR system are specifically prohibited:

- A. **Invasion of Privacy:** Except when done pursuant to a court order such as a search warrant, it is a violation of this policy to utilize the LPR to record license plates except those of vehicles that are exposed to public view (e.g., vehicles on a public road or street, or that are on private property but whose license plate(s) are visible from a public road, street, or a place to which members of the public have access, such as the parking lot of a shop or other business establishment).
- B. **Harassment or Intimidation:** It is a violation of this policy to use the LPR system to harass and/or intimidate any individual or group.
- C. **Use Based on a Protected Characteristic:** It is a violation of this policy to use the LPR system or associated scan files or hot lists solely because of a person's, or group's race, gender, religion, political affiliation, nationality, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or other classification protected by law.
- D. **Personal Use:** It is a violation of this policy to use the LPR system or associated scan files or hot lists for any personal purpose.
- E. **First Amendment Rights:** It is a violation of this policy to use the LPR system or associated scan files or hot lists for the purpose or known effect of infringing upon First Amendment rights.
- F. **Anyone who engages in an impermissible use of the LPR system or associated scan files, or hot lists may be subject to criminal prosecution and civil liability along with immediate termination of department access.**



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- G. The New Bedford Police Department does not permit the sharing of LPR data gathered by the town or its contractors/subcontractors for purpose of federal immigration enforcement, these federal immigration agencies include Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Patrol (CPB).
- H. No third-party requests to the New Bedford Police LPR data shall be released other than to prosecutorial agencies related to criminal cases investigated by your agency. Third party requests may be forwarded to New Bedford Police Department for review.
- I. No information obtained under this agreement shall be otherwise disseminated to any non-party.

Member/User: _____

Date: _____

Det. Div. Commander/Designee: _____

Date: _____