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Cerritos Sheriff's Station to acquire two additional patrol vehicles equipped with Automatic License Plate Reader technology

The Cerritos City Council recently approved leasing two additional Ford Explorer patrol vehicles that feature Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology to add to the Cerritos Sheriff's Station fleet. Cerritos deputies will soon deploy a total of seven ALPR-equipped vehicles to aid them in their daily crime suppression efforts. The original two ALPR equipped vehicles were introduced to the Station's fleet in 2016, and three additional ALPR equipped patrol vehicles were added in early 2018. The two additional vehicles will be utilized to abate residential burglaries.

The City's ALPR equipped patrol vehicles feature the most updated version of ALPR technology. The vehicles have four roof-mounted, high-resolution, infrared digital cameras providing 360 degree coverage and a computer that automatically photographs, geo-tags and instantly checks the license plate number of every vehicle that passes within proximity of the ALPR cameras. The ALPR system immediately notifies the patrolling deputy if a

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scanned license plate belongs to a stolen vehicle, a person with an outstanding warrant or other persons of interest. The Cerritos Sheriff's Station's crime analyst and detectives utilize the scanned license plate data to locate possible witnesses and suspects.

"We will soon have five ALPR-equipped patrol vehicles dedicated to the City's residential burglary abatement efforts, with the other two assigned to the City's commercial districts," stated Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu. "These vehicles are valuable tools that assist our deputies in keeping our community safe."

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