

County of Santa Clara
Office of the Sheriff
Dash-Cam System (DCS)
Anticipated Surveillance Impact Report

Description of Surveillance Technology

The In-Car Video Recording System, referred to as the "Dash-Cam System"(DCS) would be comprised of the Axon Fleet 2 Solution and shall be utilized to capture footage of people or events of interest during patrol and enforcement functions. The Dash-Cam System shall be attached to law-enforcement vehicles for the purpose of recording law enforcement interactions with the public, including a detainee/arrestee's conduct in the back seat of the law-enforcement vehicle. The Dash-Cam System shall be set up so that the cameras turn on when Sheriff's Office personnel activate the vehicle's emergency equipment or when the equipment is manually turned on by the operator. The Dash-Cam System consists of two cameras: one installed in the front of the vehicle, pointing forward in a windshield mount, and the second pointed at the law enforcement vehicle's back seat. When the vehicle is running, the cameras shall be powered by the vehicle. If the vehicle's ignition is shut off, an inline Axon Fleet power unit shall provide power for up to 4 hours of recording. Axon also has a Bluetooth feature which enables all other Axon cameras (Dash Cam System cameras and Body Worn cameras) within approximately 30 feet to be automatically turned on. Such a feature has not been piloted by the Sheriff's Office. If management decides to enable the feature to ensure maximum camera usage, it would do so only within the confines of the surveillance use policies for the Sheriff's Office DCS and BWC Board of Supervisors approved or received surveillance use policies.

Proposed Purpose for the Surveillance Technology

The Dash-Cam System shall be used to record law-enforcement activities from a camera in the patrol car, including the following types of law-enforcement activities:

- Vehicle enforcement stops
- Vehicle pursuits
- Detention of persons
- Consensual encounters
- Transportation of arrestees or others
- Evidence Collection
- Other law-enforcement or first-responder uses not prohibited by law

Locations of Deployment

The Dash-Cam System shall be affixed to Sheriff's Office patrol vehicles, and may be affixed to other Sheriff's Office vehicles. The equipment may be deployed wherever the patrol vehicle are used.

Civil Liberties and Privacy Impact

The Sheriff's Office is sensitive to civil liberty concerns. The Sheriff's Office has the responsibility to provide public safety services for the people of Santa Clara County and does so in accordance with applicable state law.

The Sheriff's Office has deployed Dash-Cam Systems in its patrol vehicles via different vendors since 2003 to provide audio and video of Sheriff's Office deputy interactions with the public. Acquisition of the Axon DCS will allow the Sheriff's Office to continue to record interactions between Sheriff's deputies and the public. The dash mounted cameras for the DCS will allow for views and angles not obtained by the Body-Worn camera attached on a deputy's uniform, which may be blocked by the steering wheel during initial enforcement stops, vehicle pursuits, or other public interactions. The DCS also allows for continued video and audio recording of the back seat area of vehicles.

With the continuation of the DCS, deputies shall continue to record enforcement interactions with the public involving a patrol vehicle. Such recordings shall continue to occur when deputies are engaged in their lawful duties on both public and private property locations. Additionally, due to the nature of law enforcement work, a deputy may be required to engage in interactions with people of all ages, including juveniles.

The right to maintain someone's confidentiality is of paramount concern. The Sheriff's Office recognizes that all people have certain legal rights to privacy and is committed to protecting and safeguarding privacy rights by adhering to all applicable state and federal laws concerning the release of audio and video from the DCS equipment.

Furthermore, in order to minimize violations of privacy, the DCS surveillance use policy provides that:

The Dash-Cam System shall not be integrated with facial recognition technology. The Dash-Cam System and its data shall not be used to harass, intimidate, or discriminate against any individual or group, nor shall it be used for personal or non-law enforcement purposes.

Fiscal Analysis

Initial purchase cost: Included 220 Dash Mounted Cameras (DCS)

Projected ongoing costs: 5 year service contract (parts, labor, and travel)

Year 1 - Phase 1	\$234,899.54
Spares	\$0.00
Year 1 - Phase 2	\$233,654.72
Year 2	\$429,947.69
Year 3	\$429,947.69
Year 4	\$429,947.69
Year 5	\$429,947.69
Grand Total	\$2,188,345.02

Projected personnel costs: 2

Sources of funding:

Funds included in the Sheriff's Office FY 2019-2020 Approved