

# Annual Surveillance Report: August 14, 2018 – August 31, 2019

## Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff FLASH CAMERA

### 1. DESCRIPTION

FlashCAM manufactured by Q-Star Technology ("Flash Cameras") is a vandalism deterrent system, set up by patrol deputies or community services officers in locations where property crimes (e.g., vandalisms, burglaries, thefts) or other crimes are occurring or have been reported. FlashCAM is used during the investigation of property crimes.

During this reporting period, the Sheriff's Office did not utilize the Flash Camera System.

### 2. DATA SHARING WITH OUTSIDE ENTITIES

During the time period of this report, no data was shared with outside entities as the system was not in use.

### 3. COMMUNITY COMPLAINTS OR CONCERNS

During the time period for this annual report, there were no community complaints or concerns expressed to the Office of the Sheriff regarding the Flash Camera System.

### 4. NON-PRIVILEGED INTERNAL AUDITS / POLICY VIOLATIONS

Use of the Flash Camera System is supervised by Sheriff's Supervisors to ensure the Surveillance Use Policy and other Sheriff's policies are being followed. During this reporting period, there was no use and no policy violations observed that occurred with the Flash Camera System by Sheriff's personnel.

### 5. EFFECTIVENESS IN ACHIEVING ITS IDENTIFIED PURPOSE

This equipment has been repurposed to the West Valley Patrol Division and is antiquated. It was not used during this reporting period. Its effectiveness for the Sheriff's Office has not been assessed yet in practical application due to the age and compatibility of the equipment for modern investigatory law enforcement work.

### 6. PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS

The Sheriff's Office has not received any Public Records requests regarding this equipment.

Considered: 10/22/2019

## **7. ANNUAL COSTS**

There were no annual costs associated with the Flash Camera System.