

Annual Surveillance Report: January-August 2019
Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff Custody Bureau
Handheld Digital Cameras

1. DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE TECHNOLOGY WAS USED

During the reporting period, the Handheld Digital Cameras were utilized at both the Main Jail Facility and the Elmwood Facility in compliance with the Board-approved Handheld Digital Camera Surveillance Use policy, by authorized Sheriff's Office personnel, primarily for incident documentation, evidence collection, and to aid in the evaluation of internal processes.

During this reporting period, Handheld Digital Cameras were used by authorized Sheriff's personnel to capture digital still images and video of people, evidence and locations of interest during investigations and within the parameters of the Handheld Digital Cameras Surveillance Use Policy.

2. DATA SHARING WITH OUTSIDE ENTITIES

Consistent with the Board-approved Surveillance Use Policy, still images and video footage from the Handheld Digital Cameras were routinely shared with the District Attorney's Office as evidence to aid in prosecution. During the time period covered by this Annual Report, the Sheriff's Office did not receive any criminal subpoenas for any data recorded by Handheld Digital Cameras.

Consistent with the Board-approved Surveillance Use Policy, still images and video footage from the Handheld Digital Cameras may be shared with parties to civil litigation involving the County, in response to a subpoena or civil discovery. During the time period covered by this Annual Report, the Sheriff's Office did not receive any civil subpoenas for any data recorded by Handheld Digital Cameras.

3. COMMUNITY COMPLAINTS OR CONCERNS

The Sheriff's Office did not receive any complaints or concerns from the community at large regarding the Handheld Digital Cameras during the period covered by this Annual Report.

Considered: 10/22/2019

4. NON-PRIVILEGED AUDITS/POLICY VIOLATIONS

Use of the Handheld Digital Cameras was monitored by supervisors to ensure the Surveillance Use Policy and other Sheriff's policies were followed. The Sheriff's Office did not discover any policy violations regarding use of the facility Handheld Digital Cameras during this reporting period.

5. EFFECTIVENESS IN ACHIEVING ITS IDENTIFIED PURPOSE

Handheld Digital Cameras were effective tools to aid in investigations as a form of documentation and evidence collection. The cameras were used to capture digital still images and video of criminal incidents that occurred throughout the jail facilities throughout the course of the reporting period.

6. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST

During the period covered in this Annual Report, the Sheriff's Office did not receive any Public Records Act Requests for data from Handheld Digital Cameras.

7. ANNUAL COST

There were no new cameras purchased during the reporting period covered in this Annual Report, and no direct maintenance expenses.