

2023 Audit of Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Data Collected and Utilized by New Jersey Law Enforcement Agencies

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I. Introduction

Attorney General Mathew J. Platkin issued Law Enforcement Directive No. 2022-12 (“the Directive”) to all New Jersey law enforcement chief executives and county prosecutors, updating the Directive No. 2010-5 on regulating the use of Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) technology. The 2022 Directive created the State ALPR Coordinator position that oversees NJ’s Statewide Networked ALPR Program (NJ SNAP), and required all county and local law enforcement agencies using ALPR technology to create an ALPR Coordinator position. The Directive states: “[b]y January 31¹ of each year, the Agency ALPR Coordinator shall perform an audit of their agency’s ALPR program and provide it to the County and State ALPR Coordinator.” Every Agency ALPR Coordinator shall certify the following:

- The agency has an ALPR policy in place;
- Only authorized users have accessed ALPR data;
- The date of each authorized user’s last ALPR training;
- That a random survey of ALPR accesses revealed no misuse; and
- A description of any known significant violations and citizen complaints and whether they have been forwarded to the County Prosecutor or Division of Criminal Justice (“DCJ”) Director.

In addition to minimum audit certification requirements, the Directive requires the State ALPR Coordinator to publish annually a report that lists agencies that have completed audits, and the number of significant violations and citizen complaints reported by each agency.

All law enforcement agencies in New Jersey required to complete such audit did so; the results of such audits submitted to the State ALPR Coordinator are reflected in this report.

II. 2023 Audit Details and Methodology

The 2023 ALPR Audit date range was July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. Agencies were instructed to complete the audit and certify they did so by March 1, 2024.

Agency Coordinators were required to audit a random sampling of at least 1% of ALPR activity.² The audit ensured that Username/ID, date and time, purpose, justification, report number, and supervisor approval (if applicable), were captured and valid. Coordinators must keep a copy of the audit and all random sampling data for 3 years from the audit date, and the County ALPR Coordinator or State ALPR Coordinator may conduct an audit of an agency’s ALPR program at any time.

¹ As this was the first ALPR Audit conducted statewide, the due date for submitting audit certification forms was extended to March 1, 2024, 11:59 PM EST.

² If the agency conducted less than 100 ALPR searches or “be on the lookout” (BOLO) entries during the audit period, the agency was required to review no fewer than 5 of each.

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III. Audit Results

1. List of Agencies That Completed Audits for Reporting Period

The following 517 agencies certified completion of the audit, representing all NJ law enforcement agencies required to certify for 2023:

Aberdeen Township Police Department	Belmar Police Department
Absecon Police Department	Belvidere Police Department
Allendale Police Department	Bergen County Prosecutor's Office
Allenhurst Police Department	Bergen County Sheriff's Office
Allentown Police Department	Bergenfield Police Department
Alpine Police Department	Berkeley Township Police Department
Andover Township Police Department	Berkeley Heights Police Department
Asbury Park Police Department	Berlin Police Department
Atlantic City Police Department	Berlin Township Police Department
Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office	Bernards Township Police Department
Atlantic County Sheriff's Office	Bernardsville Police Department
Atlantic Highlands Police Department	Beverly City Police Department
Audubon Police Department	Blairstown Police Department
Avalon Police Department	Bloomfield Police Department
Avon by the Sea Police Department	Bloomington Police Department
Barneget Township Police Department	Bogota Police Department
Barrington Police Department	Boonton Police Department
Bay Head Police Department	Boonton Township Police Department
Bayonne Police Department	Bordentown City Police Department
Beach Haven Police Department	Bordentown Township Police Department
Beachwood Police Department	Bound Brook Police Department
Bedminster Township Police Department	Bradley Beach Police Department
Belleville Police Department	Branchburg Township Police Department
Bellmawr Police Department	

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Brick Township Police Department	Cherry Hill Police Department
Bridgeton Police Department	Chesilhurst Police Department
Bridgewater Township Police Department	Chester Police Department
Brielle Police Department	Chesterfield Township Police Department
Brigantine Police Department	Cinnaminson Township Police Department
Brookdale Community College Police Department	Clark Township Police Department
Brook Lawn Police Department	Clayton Police Department
Burlington City Police Department	Clementon Police Department
Burlington County Prosecutor's Office	Cliffside Park Police Department
Burlington County Sheriff's Office	Clifton Police Department
Burlington Township Police Department	Clinton Township Police Department
Butler Police Department	Closter Police Department
Byram Police Department	College of New Jersey Police Department
Caldwell Police Department	Collingswood Police Department
Camden County Metro Police Department	Colts Neck Police Department
Camden County Prosecutor's Office	Cranbury Township Police Department
Camden County Sheriff's Office	Cranford Police Department
Cape May County Prosecutor's Office	Cresskill Police Department
Cape May County Sheriff's Office	Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office
Cape May Police Department	Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Carlstadt Police Department	Deal Police Department
Carneys Point Police Department	Delanco Township Police Department
Carteret Police Department	Delaware River and Bay Authority
Cedar Grove Police Department	Delaware Township Police Department
Chatham Borough Police Department	Delran Township Police Department
Chatham Township Police Department	Demarest Police Department

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Denville Police Department	Englewood Police Department
Deptford Township Police Department	Englishtown Police Department
Dover Police Department	Essex County College Police Department
Dumont Police Department	Essex County Prosecutor's Office
Dunellen Police Department	Essex County Sheriff's Office
East Brunswick Police Department	Essex Fells Police Department
East Greenwich Township Police Department	Evesham Township Police Department
East Hanover Police Department	Ewing Police Department
East Newark Police Department	Fair Haven Police Department
East Orange Police Department	Fair Lawn Police Department
East Rutherford Police Department	Fairfield Police Department
East Windsor Township Police Department	Fairview Police Department
Eastampton Township Police Department	Fanwood Police Department
Eatontown Police Department	Far Hills Police Department
Edgewater Park Township Police Department	Flemington Borough Police Department
Edgewater Police Department	Florence Township Police Department
Edison Police Department	Florham Park Police Department
Egg Harbor City Police Department	Fort Lee Police Department
Egg Harbor Township Police Department	Franklin Borough Police Department
Elizabeth Police Department	Franklin Lakes Police Department
Elk Township Police Department	Franklin Township Police Department (Gloucester County)
Elmer Borough Police Department	Franklin Township Police Department (Hunterdon County)
Elmwood Park Police Department	Franklin Township Police Department (Somerset County)
Emerson Police Department	Freehold Borough Police Department
Englewood Cliffs Police Department	Freehold Township Police Department
	Frenchtown Police Department

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Galloway Township Police Department	Hanover Township Police Department
Garfield Police Department	Harding Township Police Department
Garwood Police Department	Hardyston Township Police Department
Gibbsboro Police Department	Harrington Park Police Department
Glassboro Police Department	Harrison Police Department
Glen Ridge Police Department	Harrison Township Police Department
Glen Rock Police Department	Harvey Cedars Police Department
Gloucester City Police Department	Hasbrouck Heights Police Department
Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office	Haworth Police Department
Gloucester County Sheriff's Office	Hawthorne Police Department
Gloucester Township Police Department	Hazlet Township Police Department
Green Brook Police Department	High Bridge Police Department
Greenwich Township Police Department (Gloucester County)	Highland Park Police Department
Greenwich Township Police Department (Warren County)	Highlands Police Department
Guttenberg Police Department	Hightstown Police Department
Hackensack Police Department	Hillsborough Township Police Department
Hackettstown Police Department	Hillsdale Police Department
Haddon Heights Police Department	Hillside Police Department
Haddon Township Police Department	Hi-Nella Police Department
Haddonfield Police Department	Hoboken Police Department
Haledon Police Department	Ho-Ho-Kus Police Department
Hamburg Borough Police Department	Holland Township Police Department
Hamilton Township Police Department (Atlantic County)	Holmdel Township Police Department
Hamilton Township Police Division (Mercer County)	Hopatcong Police Department
Hammonton Township Police Department	Hopewell Township Police Department
	Howell Township Police Department
	Hudson County Prosecutor's Office
	Hudson County Sheriff's Office

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Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office	Lindenwold Police Department
Hunterdon County Sheriff's Department	Linwood Police Department
Independence Township Police Department	Little Egg Harbor Police Department
Irvington Police Department	Little Falls Police Department
Island Heights Borough Police Department	Little Ferry Police Department
Jackson Township Police Department	Little Silver Police Department
Jamesburg Police Department	Livingston Police Department
Jefferson Township Police Department	Lodi Police Department
Jersey City Police Department	Logan Township Police Department
Kean University Police Department	Long Beach Township Police Department
Keansburg Police Department	Long Branch Police Department
Kearny Police Department	Long Hill Township Police Department
Kenilworth Police Department	Longport Police Department
Keyport Police Department	Lopatcong Township Police Department
Kinnelon Police Department	Lower Alloways Creek Police Department
Lacey Township Police Department	Lower Township Police Department
Lakehurst Borough Police Department	Lumberton Police Department
Lakewood Police Department	Lyndhurst Police Department
Lambertville City Police Department	Madison Police Department
Laurel Springs Police Department	Magnolia Police Department
Lavallette Police Department	Mahwah Police Department
Lawnside Police Department	Manalapan Township Police Department
Lawrence Township Police Department	Manasquan Police Department
Lebanon Township Police Department	Manchester Township Police Department
Leonia Police Department	Mansfield Township Police Department (Burlington County)
Lincoln Park Police Department	
Linden Police Department	

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Mantoloking Police Department	Monmouth Beach Police Department
Mantua Township Police Department	Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office
Manville Police Department	Monmouth County Sheriff's Office
Maple Shade Police Department	Monmouth County University Police Department
Maplewood Police Department	Monroe Township Police Department (Gloucester County)
Margate Police Department	Monroe Township Police Department (Middlesex County)
Marlboro Police Department	Montclair Police Department
Matawan Borough Police Department	Montclair State University Police Department
Maywood Police Department	Montgomery Township Police Department
Medford Lakes Police Department	Montvale Police Department
Medford Township Police Department	Montville Township Police Department
Mendham Borough Police Department	Moonachie Police Department
Mendham Township Police Department	Moorestown Township Police Department
Mercer County Prosecutor's Office	Morris County Prosecutor's Office
Mercer County Sheriff's Office	Morris County Sheriff's Office
Merchantville Police Department	Morris Plains Police Department
Metuchen Police Department	Morris Township Police Department
Middle Township Police Department	Morristown Police Department
Middlesex Borough Police Department	Mount Arlington Police Department
Middlesex College Police Department	Mount Holly Police Department
Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office	Mount Laurel Township Police Department
Middlesex County Sheriff's Office	Mount Olive Township Police Department
Middletown Township Police Department	
Midland Park Police Department	
Millburn Police Department	
Milltown Police Department	

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Mountain Lakes Police Department	Oakland Police Department
Mountainside Police Department	Oaklyn Borough Police Department
Mt. Ephraim Police Department	Ocean City Police Department
Mullica Township Police Department	Ocean County Prosecutor's Office
Neptune City Police Department	Ocean County Sheriff's Office
Neptune Township Police Department	Ocean Gate Borough Police Department
Netcong Borough Police Department	Ocean Township Police Department (Monmouth County)
New Brunswick Police Department	Ocean Township Police Department (Ocean County)
New Hanover Township Police Department	Oceanport Police Department
New Jersey State Police	Ogdensburg Police Department
New Milford Police Department	Old Bridge Township Police Department
New Providence Police Department	Old Tappan Police Department
Newark Police Department	Oradell Police Department
Newton Police Department	Orange Police Department
NJ Transit Police Department	Palisades Interstate Parkway Police Department
North Arlington Police Department	Palisades Park Police Department
North Bergen Police Department	Palmyra Borough Police Department
North Brunswick Police Department	Paramus Police Department
North Caldwell Police Department	Park Ridge Police Department
North Haledon Police Department	Parsippany Police Department
North Hanover Township Police Department	Passaic County Prosecutors Office
North Plainfield Police Department	Passaic County Sheriff's Office
North Wildwood Police Department	Passaic Police Department
Northfield City Police Department	Paterson Police Department
Northvale Police Department	Paulsboro Police Department
Norwood Police Department	Peapack-Gladstone Police Department
Nutley Police Department	

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Pemberton Borough Police Department	Randolph Township Police Department
Pemberton Township Police Department	Raritan Township Police Department
Pennington Boro Police Department	Readington Township Police Department
Penns Grove Police Department	Red Bank Police Department
Pennsauken Township Police Department	Ridgefield Park Police Department
Pennsville Police Department	Ridgefield Police Department
Pequannock Township. Police Department	Ridgewood Police Department
Perth Amboy Police Department	Ringwood Police Department
Phillipsburg Police Department	River Edge Police Department
Pine Beach Police Department	River Vale Police Department
Pine Hill Police Department	Riverdale Police Department
Piscataway Township Police Department	Riverside Police Department
Pitman Police Department	Riverton Borough Police Department
Plainfield Police Department	Robbinsville Police Department
Plainsboro Township Police Department	Rochelle Park Police Department
Pleasantville Police Department	Rockaway Borough Police Department
Plumsted Township Police Department	Rockaway Township Police Department
Pohatcong Township Police Department	Roseland Police Department
Point Pleasant Beach Police Department	Roselle Park Police Department
Point Pleasant Borough Police Department	Roselle Police Department
Pompton Lakes Police Department	Rowan University Police Department
Princeton Police Department	Roxbury Township Police Department
Princeton University Department of Public Safety	Rumson Police Department
Prospect Park Police Department	Runnemede Borough Police Department
Rahway Police Department	Rutgers Police Department
Ramsey Police Department	Rutherford Police Department
	Saddle Brook Police Department
	Saddle River Police Department

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Salem County Sheriff's Office	Springfield Police Department (Union County)
Sayreville Police Department	Springfield Township Police Department (Burlington County)
Scotch Plains Police Department	Stafford Township Police Department
Sea Bright Police Department	Stanhope Police Department
Sea Girt Police Department	Stockton University Police Department
Sea Isle City Police Department	Stone Harbor Police Department
Seaside Heights Police Department	Stratford Police Department
Seaside Park Police Department	Summit Police Department
Secaucus Police Department	Surf City Police Department
Ship Bottom Police Department	Sussex County Prosecutor's Office
Shrewsbury Borough Police Department	Sussex County Sheriff's Office
Somerdale Police Department	Teaneck Police Department
Somers Point Police Department	Tenafly Police Department
Somerset County Prosecutor's Office	Tewksbury Township Police Department
Somerset County Sheriff's Office	Tinton Falls Borough Police Department
Somerville Police Department	Toms River Police Department
South Amboy Police Department	Totowa Police Department
South Bound Brook Police Department	Trenton Police Department
South Brunswick Police Department	Tuckerton Police Department
South Hackensack Police Department	Union Beach Police Department
South Orange Police Department	Union City Police Department
South Plainfield Police Department	Union County Police Department
South River Police Department	Union County Prosecutor's Office
South Toms River Police Department	Union County Sheriff's Office
Sparta Township Police Department	Union Township Police Department
Spotswood Police Department	

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Ventnor City Police Department	West Orange Police Department
Vernon Township Police Department	West Wildwood Police Department
Verona Police Department	West Windsor Police Department
Voorhees Township Police Department	Westampton Township Police Department
Waldwick Police Department	Westfield Police Department
Wall Township Police Department	Westville Police Department
Wallington Police Department	Westwood Police Department
Wanaque Police Department	Wharton Borough Police Department
Warren County Prosecutor's Office	Wildwood Crest Police Department
Warren County Sheriff's Office	Wildwood Police Department
Warren Township. Police Department	William Paterson University Police Department
Washington Township (Bergen County)	Willingboro Township Police Department
Washington Township (Morris County)	Winfield Police Department
Washington Township Police Department (Gloucester County)	Winslow Township Police Department
Washington Township Police Department (Warren County)	Woodbridge Township Police Department
Watchung Police Department	Woodbury City Police Department
Waterford Township Police Department	Woodcliff Lake Police Department
Wayne Police Department	Woodland Park Borough Police Department
Weehawken Police Department	Woodlynne Police Department
West Amwell Township Police Department	Wood-Ridge Police Department
West Caldwell Police Department	Woodstown Police Department
West Deptford Township Police Department	Woolwich Township Police Department
West Long Branch Police Department	Wyckoff Police Department
West Milford Police Department	

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2. Significant Violations

Reporting agencies were advised to report any significant violation as part of the annual audit. Instruction was given to reporting agencies that the New Jersey State Police considered the following to be deemed a significant violation: (1) a user who does not have authorized access to ALPR data utilizing same; (2) sharing or allowing other individuals to use your assigned username/ID; and (3) utilizing ALPR data or a BOLO for an unauthorized purpose.

In 2023, a total of two significant violations were reported by New Jersey law enforcement agencies. One incident involved the sharing or allowing other individuals to use an assigned username/ID, and another incident involved using one assigned username/ID to conduct queries, when the individuals making the request should have used their own assigned username/ID. In both cases, the audit reports that the searches were justified. The agencies involved and a description of the significant violations were:

- a. In one instance a single username was shared by detectives to conduct ALPR searches. A review of the searches revealed all were completed for legitimate law enforcement purposes and investigations. The lone username account was deactivated, and passwords for existing accounts have been reset.
- b. In another instance an “administrator” account was used to conduct ALPR queries and did not use report numbers for the inquiry. The justification for the searches provided were improper (erroneously marked “testing” or “training”). The searches, however, were later deemed to be justified.

In both the above instances, the reporting agencies confirmed that corrective action was taken.

3. Citizen Complaints

For the year 2023, **no** citizen complaints of ALPR misuse were reported.

IV. Conclusion

During the 2023 NJ SNAP Audit, more than 500 state, county, and local law enforcement agencies audited hundreds of thousands of ALPR searches. Only two significant violations and no citizen complaints were recorded.