



CITY OF OAKLAND

# AGENDA REPORT


**TO:** Jestin D. Johnson  
City Administrator

**FROM:** Floyd Michell  
Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** OPD Surveillance Technology 2024  
Annual Reports

**DATE:** November 7, 2025

City Administrator Approval

  
[Jestin Johnson \(Nov 18, 2025 18:15:36 PST\)](#)

Date: 11/18/2025

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**Staff Recommends That The City Council Receive An Informational Report Of The Oakland Police Department's Surveillance Technology 2024 Annual Reports.**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This informational report includes Oakland Police Department (OPD) surveillance technology annual reports, which have been reviewed and approved by the Privacy Advisory Commission (PAC). These include Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR), Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR), Biometric DNA, CrimeTracer, Live Stream, Pen Register, and Unmanned Aerial System (UAS)/Drones. OPD also provided a memo to the PAC regarding technology no longer in use.

## **BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

[Oakland Municipal Code \(OMC\) 9.64.040](#): Surveillance Technology "Oversight following City Council approval" requires that for each approved surveillance technology item, city staff must present a written annual surveillance report for the PAC. After review by the Privacy Advisory Commission, city staff shall submit the annual surveillance report to the City Council. The PAC shall recommend to the City Council:

- The benefits to the community of the surveillance technology outweigh the costs, and civil liberties and civil rights are safeguarded.
- That use of the surveillance technology cease; or
- Propose modifications to the corresponding surveillance use policy that will resolve the concerns.

## **ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES**

This report advances the Citywide priorities of **holistic community safety and responsive, trustworthy government**. Surveillance technology is used to help OPD respond in a more timely and efficient manner to public safety concerns. OPD strives to use technology responsibly by following departmental use policies and bringing reports to the PAC in a timely manner each year.

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Public Safety Committee  
December 9, 2025

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Please see the attached OPD Surveillance Tech Annual Report (Attachment A) for complete information.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST**

No outreach was deemed necessary for the proposed policy action beyond the standard City Council agenda noticing procedures. However, each report details if community outreach was needed or if community feedback was received about the technology.

### **COORDINATION**

These reports were scheduled to the Privacy Advisory Commission agenda. PAC reviewed, discussed, and approved these reports.

### **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

***Economic:*** Please see each attachment for complete information.

***Environmental:*** Please see each attachment for complete information.

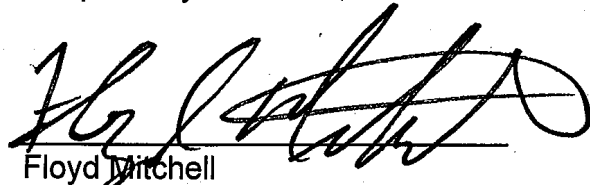
***Race & Equity:*** OPD is committed to providing the best services to our community while being transparent and instilling procedural justice through daily police activity. This report is in compliance with these OPD commitments. OPD hopes that this report helps to strengthen our trust within the Oakland community.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Staff Recommends That The City Council Receive An Informational Report of The Oakland Police Department's Surveillance Technology Annual Reports.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Nicholas Calonge, Interim Deputy Chief, [ncalonge@oaklandca.gov](mailto:ncalonge@oaklandca.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Mitchell', is written over a horizontal line.

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**Attachment (1):**

A: OPD Surveillance tech annual reports