

Automatic License Plate Readers

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee

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What information is stored?

- Picture of license plate
- Picture of front or rear of vehicle (cannot identify the driver)
- Date, time, and GPS location

Who has access to the database and for what purpose?

- Law enforcement personnel only
- For investigative purposes only

Where and how long is the information stored?

- The information collected is stored on a server that is located at the Capitol
- Information in the database is purged after one year

Why store the information for one year?

- Stolen vehicles
- AMBER alerts
- murder/homicide
- Homeland Security

Can personal information be accessed through the stored information?

- No. A search can only be done if the plate is known and does not include any information such as: name, date of birth, etc.
- Drivers license or DMV data would need to be accessed for that information.

In *United States v. Wilcox*, the court concluded that "Wilcox did not have a reasonable expectation of privacy in the plainly visible license plate and that the officers' use of the tag reader in this case did not violate the Fourth Amendment."

Entities that Utilize the State-controlled database

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| American Fork Police Department | North Salt Lake City Police Department | Summit County Sheriff's Office |
| Bountiful Police Department | Ogden Police Department | St. George Police Department |
| Cedar City Police Department | Ogden AP&P Task Force | Taylorsville Police Department |
| Centerville Police Department | Orem Police Department | Utah County Sheriff's Office |
| Clearfield Police Department | Park City Police Department | Utah Department of Motor Vehicles |
| Cottonwood Heights Police Department | Pleasant Grove Police Department | Utah Highway Patrol |
| Davis County Sheriff's Office | Provo Police Department | Utah Insurance Fraud Division |
| Department of Public Safety | Riverdale Police Department | Utah Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division |
| Duchesne County Sheriff's Office | Roy Police Department | Vernal Police Department |
| Heber Police Department | Salt Lake City Police Department | Washington City Police Department |
| Helper Police Department | Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office | Weber County Sheriff's Office |
| Homeland Security - Salt Lake City | Salt Lake County Gang Unit | West Bountiful Police Department |
| Iron County Sheriff's Office | Sandy Police Department | West Jordan Police Department |
| Layton Police Department | San Juan County Sheriff's Office | West Valley Police Department |
| Logan Police Department | South Jordan Police Department | Willard Police Department |
| Murray Police Department | South Ogden Police Department | Woods Cross Police Department |
| Naples Police Department | South Salt Lake City Police Department | |
| North Ogden Police Department | Springville Police Department | |