ST Meeting #45 – 05/02/2023

**Participants:**  
Nico Diaz   
1st Deputy Chief Shoff  
Valerie Didamo  
Daniel Schwarz  
Jawwaad Rasheed  
Johannes Himmelreich  
Ocesa Keaton  
Jason Scharf  
Michelle Sczpanski  
Chief Tim Gleeson  
Deputy Mayor Sharon Owens  
Tim Liles  
  
**Absent**  
Martha Grabowski (Excused)  
Mark King (Excused)  
Jennifer Tifft  
  
  
**Agenda/Notes:**

* New Technology Request - United Radio – Body Worn Camera’s
  + United Radio – Motorola Camera’s
    - Similar setup to the ones that the police use
    - Currently have 30 Code Enforcement inspectors
    - Most staff are independent and alone throughout the day, plain clothes, ID tag, flip phone, cameras, and document inspections, may document videos on their phones.
    - Several jurisdictions are pushing for this for safety for their inspectors, as well as documenting the conditions of the properties.
  + Chief Gleeson asked if he has discussed having Chief Davis and Fire Marshalls involved also.
    - Jake Dishaw stated that this could benefit folks on both sides but would be willing to do so.
  + Johannes asked about policies and if they would need a different from the SPD Body-worn camera policy
    - DM Sharon Owens stated that Codes should be able to use the SPD policy as a template.
  + Nico asked if staff needs to be trained on the policy before they can be used. Chief Shoff said yes.
  + Daniel Schwarz asked if residents would be able to opt out of having their interaction with Code Inspectors not recorded.
    - DM Owens stated that there may need to be policies on how other parties' images were documented.
    - Jake stated that they are already taking photos and documenting the conditions of the home. Jake stated that he would have to look at the policies on how they would respond to those requests.
  + Michelle S. asked about the specifics about how long information from body worn cameras is kept for.
    - DM Owens stated that one question, is if the tenant does not consent to video recording, does the inspection continue.
    - Nico asked about the company identified, United Radio, and asked why that company.
    - Jake stated that stated that they are going through the procurement process, but this is the company that they were doing the demo with. Jake stated that the company may change based on the bidding process, but the device and technology would be the same.
  + Nico asked about security.
    - Jake stated that they would upload the camera footage, and then once this is uploaded, it would be password protected.
  + DM Owens asked if he knows of any other juristictions that are using this technology for Code Enforcement.
    - Jake stated that a lot of this is triggered to reduce assaults against Code Enforcement officials. Currently this offense is being raided to a felony.
  + Jason S. asked about what would be provided to landlords
    - All of the documentation from Code Enforcement staff is FOILable, and would have to defer to law.
* Discussion of this technology:
  + DM Owens stated that she feels that this would be a type of surveillance.
  + Ocesa asked if this would fall within exemption I.
    - Nico and DM Owens shared that they did not feel this would fall within this.
  + Chief Gleeson and Jawaad Rasheed said that he did not fall within any of the exemptions.
    - Mentioned needing to have a policy for non-uniformed people coming to the door with a body camera.
  + Was decided that this was a type of Surveillance Technology.
* ALPR Technology Review
  + **Section 4 Addressing Accuracy Limitations of the Technology**:
    - Jawwaad stated that there are other policies that police have to follow. Such as manually checking to confirm the plates are accurate.
    - Johannes stated that he thought this was important, but did not know if Section 4 was the best place for this.
    - Ocesa stated that she agrees with Johannes.
    - Chief Shoff mentioned that there is already a policy about how police cannot pull a car over without verifying information.
    - Jawwaad stated that this is probably a common theme for SPD, but that SPD does quite qell with encouraging officers to use other police tools also
  + **Section 5 -** **Reporting and Audits**
    - Daniel mentioned that since it is not a pilot anymore, he thought an annual report would be sufficient.
    - Chief Shoff stated that this could be added to their annual report
      * Number of traffic stops, community engagement events
    - We had discussion regarding DR Number included in the annual report
      * Discussed having this information broken down by type, but not listing every single stop with corresponding DR Number
* ALPR Vote:
  + We voted on the technology and results were documented on the PowerPoint slide deck.
* Next Steps:
  + Daniel Schwarz shared that an item in the NYS’ budget would protect data from being shared across stateliness. Stating that this would be a benefit to going with a company based in New York State.

**Previous Action Items:**

* Create a survey for different retention periods and send to the members so that we will have this for our next meeting - [@Scharf, Jason](mailto:jscharf@syr.gov)

**New Action Items:**

* Follow up with Jake Dishaw regarding the Body Worn Camera being a type of Surveillance Tech and moving forward with next steps regarding this.