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Chief John Drake
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Dear Chief Drake,

Over the past several months, the Community Oversight Board has had several discussions about proposed license plate reader (LPR) legislation from the Metropolitan Council. The COB has invited Council members to speak at COB meetings but has not yet heard from MNPDP about the department's plans for LPRs. I would like to invite you, or a member of your command staff who is involved with LPR planning, to speak to the board at our October meeting. The Meeting will be Wednesday October 27th at 4:00pm.

In the meantime, the COB would like additional information about the following:

1. Any steps that MNPDP has already taken to test, purchase, or access LPR systems.
2. Any current uses of LPRs or LPR data by MNPDP.
3. The number of privately owned LPRs that MNPDP receives data from.
4. MNPDP's plans for LPR deployment if an LPR bill passes or does not pass.
5. The status of any MNPDP policies or standard operating procedures governing the use of LPRs.

As your department develops policies and procedures on this important topic, I ask that the MNCO staff be given an opportunity to give feedback on the policy prior to it going into effect. As with all major policy changes, the COB staff should be a resource for strengthening policies prior to them being issued.

I look forward to hearing from you at the COB's October meeting.

Sincerely

Andrés Martínez

Chair

Community Oversight Board