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Alpharetta Dept. of Public Safety Unveils New Crime Fighting Tool

The Alpharetta Department of Public Safety is the new recipient of a state of the art License Plate Reader system. The Mobile Plate Hunter 100 is a computer imaging system with infra red cameras mounted to a police patrol vehicle. The unit captures vehicle license plates at the rate of 1500 per minute. The system can capture license plates on all sides of a moving police vehicle in any direction as well as at night and in any weather. The captured license plates are compared to five national law enforcement data bases. The five data bases are stolen vehicles, wanted persons, suspended drivers license, suspended tag registration and no insurance. The system does not capture photographs of persons or retain any data except those license plates that are matched to the offender database. Director Gary George of the Alpharetta Department of Public Safety states “this is an incredible crime fighting tool.” “Imagine the possibilities- an officer can enter an Amber Alert license plate in the system and then be notified if the unit captures the suspected license plate thus ensuring the quick recovery of a child.” Alpharetta Mayor Arthur Letchas adds “This system will allow our officers to act quickly against those offenders who attempt to prey on our law abiding citizens.” Many law enforcement agencies nationwide are using this new technology to fight crime with great success. The Mobile Plate Hunter 100 was purchased for the Alpharetta Department of Public Safety by the Alpharetta Public Safety Foundation. The Alpharetta Public Safety Foundation is a non profit organization dedicated to enhancing all areas of public safety for our citizens. For more information please visit www.apsfoundation.org If this system performs to expectations the City of Alpharetta may purchase additional units in the future.



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