

The Saint Paul Police Department utilizes a variety of camera devices and systems as a way to deter crime, enhance both public and officer safety, and provide transparency. Here's what you need to know about these tools and how we use them.

CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION



Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) are cameras that transmit a signal to a limited set of monitors and are not openly transmitted.

The department utilizes a network of both public and private surveillance cameras. Our access to privately-owned CCTV is voluntarily shared to us by business and property owners through the Saint Paul Community Connect Program.

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Examples of public and private CCTV we use:

- MnDOT
- Metro Transit
- Public Parking Garages
- Sports, Concert, & Event Venues
- Restaurants & Bars
- Retail Stores & Shopping Centers

LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION

The department utilizes Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR or LPR) technology to help us recover stolen vehicles, locate missing persons, and support criminal investigations. All marked squads



are equipped with ALPR, which scans plates while an officer is on patrol. The department also uses fixed ALPR. Additional information about our use of these devices can be found on the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension website as required by law.

ALPR **does not** use facial recognition and it does not track driver identities or used to issue speeding or red-light tickets.

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TRAILER CAMERAS



Trailer cameras provide mobile and portable surveillance. These units are temporarily deployed to monitor "hot spot" areas, large events, and serve as an overall crime deterrent.

BODY-WORN CAMERAS



All officers must wear a Body-Worn Camera (BWC) when on-duty. Officers must activate their BWC when they respond to any call or incident.

IN-CAR CAMERAS



SPPD squads have an In-Car Camera (ICC) system which captures video from both inside and outside the vehicle.

These cameras automatically activate any time the squad's emergency lights are activated. This includes traffic stops, vehicle searches, vehicle pursuits, and arrests.

UAS / DRONE PROGRAM



The department has been using drones or Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) since 2023.

Officers can respond to a call and launch a drone at the scene to assess the situation, or a remotely piloted drone can be deployed immediately after receiving a call and provide real-time information to officers before they even arrive on scene – leading to better-informed decision making.