The Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office does not own any automatic license plate reading (ALPR) technology. This technology is not being used by our agency at this time.

However, in two previous instances the agency did TEST this type of equipment for consideration for purchase and to evaluate its effectiveness. In both instances the equipment was loaned to the agency.

Test #1 – Loaned equipment (from ELSAG, Inc.) was tested in a zone patrol and enforcement environment by one officer. This was in 2006. The test lasted for two years and was not deemed successful, as the technology did not pass muster with our patrol and auto theft detectives. There is no residual data from this test, as it resided on a laptop that was scrubbed and put back into use by the agency. (Equipment was loaned to JSO by the Regional Auto Theft Task Force – a multi agency cooperative enforcement effort. The ALPR equipment was returned to them.)

Test #2 – Six sets of loaned equipment were tested by three different groups of officers for three days each (a total of 18 officers). The equipment was tested throughout the city, by these officers, while working routine patrol and enforcement. The test period was during May of 2012. The equipment was loaned to JSO by ELSAG, Inc. The six demonstration sets were returned to the vendor, without data. JSO retains a “sample set” of equipment which is not used and contains no data.

Downloaded data from Test #2 – All cameras were connected to a laptop in each officer’s car. Those laptops were all downloaded by the Manager of Crime Analysis, and the data is currently archived on their server.

#5 - License plates and results from databases those tags were checked against FDLE; NCIC; FCIC databases – # of records (JAMIE TO PROVIDE)

#6 – The data collected by the JSO, during the testing of the equipment, exists on our Crime Analysis Unit server only. It is accessed by authorized personnel only; and for the sole purpose of evaluation of the technology’s benefits.

#6a – There was no “agreement”, however, the attached email should explain the scope of the testing activity. (JAMIE)

#7 - Training of the officers used in the testing of the equipment was in person, and there were no training materials distributed to officers. There are no ALPR databases that were shared with these officers; and only the data collected during the test phase has been kept by the Agency. It is not accessible to any of the officers or members of the agency, outside of the Crime Analysis Unit.