

# PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA STATISTICS



APRIL 1-JUNE 30, 2025

The City of Cedar Rapids maintains a network of stationary- and mobile-camera systems throughout the city, known as the **Public Safety Camera System**. The system supports traffic-engineering, law-enforcement, parks and recreation, and public-safety efforts. They include Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR), Point-Tilt-Zoom (PTZ), and traffic cameras. Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE) cameras are part of a different system; more information on those can be found [here](#).

As part of our commitment to transparency, the Cedar Rapids Police Department shares quarterly updates to help the community understand how we are using this technology. The reports include monthly data on ALPR program alerts, hits, and successful outcomes such as arrests, recovered stolen vehicles, and support in locating missing persons or advancing investigations.

## Q2 2025 UPDATE

### System Overview

#### Cameras in Use

Camera Type	Count	Status	Notes
Stationary ALPR	70	Active	Installed at strategic locations. <a href="#">View list »</a>
Mobile ALPR	2	Active	Attached to marked squad cars
Pan-Tilt-Zoom (PTZ)	5	Final phases of implementation	For downtown law enforcement use
Traffic Engineering	Several	Active	Located at major intersections and roadways
Parks & Recreation	3	Active	Redmond Park, Greene Square, Riverside Skate Park

#### ALPR Data Access & Privacy

Aspect	Description
Access Restrictions	Only authorized law enforcement agencies approved by CRPD
Data Retention Policy	Data automatically purged after 30 days
Data Captured	Focus on rear license plate and vehicle characteristics (color, model)
System Integration	National law enforcement network integration notifies Police Department when vehicle involved in criminal activity is detected
Department Policy	<a href="#">View the Cedar Rapids Police Department's full ALPR policy »</a>

New This Quarter

- **PTZ Camera Deployment:** Five cameras are entering service following a testing phase.

Automated License Plate Readers

Q2 Data

	ALPR ALERTS	SUCCESSFUL USES
APRIL 2025	1379	39
MAY 2025	2259	37
JUNE 2025	2054	56
2ND QUARTER 2025	5692	132
ANNUAL TOTAL 2025	5692	132

Success Stories

Reuniting Family Members

Before CRPD's full implementation of the public safety camera system, a senior citizen experienced an episode and became confused about his destination while driving. Public safety cameras from multiple agencies were used to locate the vehicle and driver after traveling to several cities, guide officers to his location, and help him return safely home. This ensured safety for other motorists, restored peace-of-mind to family members, and kept the driver safe.

Drive-By Shooters Located with ALPR

January 2025: Drive by shooters were identified by ALPR hits following the targeted shooting of a juvenile victim. There were no witnesses and nearby private security footage did not produce a clear image of the suspect vehicle. ALPRs, coupled with vehicle markings, helped officers swiftly identify the suspect vehicle and the juvenile shooter. This case may not have been solved without information gleaned from the public safety camera system.

Intoxicated Father Drives Off With Daughter

June 2025: an intoxicated father drives away from a disturbance call with his juvenile daughter inside the vehicle. Officers locate the driver and vehicle using ALPR technology. They arrest him for OWI and ensure the safety of the child.

Learn More

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**ALPR Public Information Portal**  
[CityofCR.com/ALPR](http://CityofCR.com/ALPR)

**Flock Safety Transparency Portal**  
[transparency.flocksafety.com/cedar-rapids-ia-pd](http://transparency.flocksafety.com/cedar-rapids-ia-pd)