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CLEARWATER POLICE UNVEILS NEW LICENSE PLATE READER

Clearwater, Fla. – The Clearwater Police Department recently put some new traffic-related technology into service to help support its crime fighting efforts. With 70% of all crime connected to a vehicle, the new automatic License Plate Reader (LPR) will equip police with the ability to process up to 1,500 license plates per minute.

CPD installed and put two LPRs into service two weeks ago (training phase). In the first two weeks, officers arrested one person for grand theft and another for stolen license plates.

The camera, which is mounted on a police cruiser, captures vehicle license plates numbers and runs them for law enforcement information such as stolen vehicles/tags and registration issues. It will also be able to identify revoked licenses and arrest warrants.

“I wouldn’t recommend anyone with any of these issues to drive in the City of Clearwater because their chance of getting caught has increased greatly,” said Clearwater Police Chief Anthony Holloway.

The LPR also eliminates the possibility of racial profiling. The camera does not see the driver; it only reads the tag and processes the information.

