



ILLINOIS STATE POLICE
Office of the Director

JB Pritzker
Governor

Brendan F. Kelly
Director

July 27, 2026

The Honorable JB Pritzker
Governor of Illinois
Statehouse, Room 207
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Governor Pritzker:

In accordance with the Tamara Clayton Expressway Camera Act, 605 ILCS 140/5, by August 1 of each year, the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Department of Transportation, and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority shall issue a joint report to the General Assembly detailing the program operations of the Expressway Camera Act. The report is to contain the cost of installation of cameras by county, the cost of ongoing maintenance of the camera systems per county, including electrical costs and data transfer costs, the number of inquiries where the investigation involved criminal offenses, and the number of incidents in which law enforcement searched the stored data for criminal offenses.

The enclosed report is submitted in response to this legislative requirement. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this report.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B F Kelly".

Brendan F. Kelly
Director

Enclosure

cc: House Minority Leader Tony McCombie
Senate President Don Harmon
Senate Minority Leader John Curran
House Speaker Emanuel Chris Welch

FY26 EXPRESSWAY CAMERA ACT

Annual Report



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FY26 EXPRESSWAY CAMERA ACT ANNUAL REPORT

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Overview

Beginning January 1, 2020, the Tamara Clayton Expressway Camera Act was enacted in Illinois. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) provided the Illinois State Police (ISP) with a grant to purchase Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras and equipment to help investigate expressway shootings. The cameras are authorized to be used in the investigations of offenses involving vehicular hijackings, aggravated vehicular hijackings, terrorism, motor vehicle theft, or any forcible felonies, including, but not limited to, offenses involving the use of a firearm; to detect expressway hazards, highway conditions, and to facilitate highway safety and incident management. At the end of December 2022, 289 ALPR cameras were installed in Cook County (I-90 Kennedy, I-290 Eisenhower, I-55 Stevenson, I-94 Dan Ryan, Bishop Ford, and I-57). The cameras were strategically located in high violent crime areas, where shootings, aggravated vehicular hijackings, or firearms trafficking occurred.

On June 6, 2022, Governor J.B. Pritzker signed an extension of the Tamara Clayton Act, which meant installing cameras in 21 more counties in Illinois and Jean-Baptiste Pointe DuSable Lake Shore Drive in Chicago. An additional \$20 million was used from the IDOT Road Fund to purchase more cameras and equipment. The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority also partnered with the ISP by buying and installing its ALPR cameras in strategic tollway locations.

During the Spring 2024 legislative session, \$7 million was appropriated from the IDOT Road Fund to continue statewide installations. This funding allowed ISP to continuously work on future ALPR installation locations.

Installations by County December 2022-June 2023

County	Cameras Installed
Cook County	26
St. Clair County	33
Illinois State Toll Authority	0
TOTAL	59

FY24 Camera Installations by County

County	Cameras Installed
Cook County	23
St. Clair County	19
Champaign County	4
Morgan County	4
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority	0
TOTAL	50

FY25 Camera Installations by County

County	Cameras Installed
Boone County	7
Bureau County	2
Cook County	6
DeKalb County	3
DuPage County	3
Grundy	4
Henry	2
Kane	6
Kendall	6
Lake	6
LaSalle	6
Macon	6
Madison	6
McHenry	4
Peoria	15
Will	6
Winnebago	10
Illinois State Toll Authority	0
Total	160

FY26 Camera Installations by County

County	Cameras Installed
Champaign County	27
Cook County	48
DuPage County	31
Sangamon County	26
St. Clair County	38
Will County	20
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority	0
TOTAL	190

Functionality

An Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) camera captures images of vehicle rear license plates and compares the license plate information against authorized law enforcement databases, including the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS), the Illinois Secretary of State, and National AMBER Alerts. An ALPR alert is generated when a positive match is identified within those databases.

Program

All data collected through the ALPR system is stored within the Motorola Solutions Vehicle Manager platform with a 90-day retention period. Illinois State Police personnel receive training on the authorized use of the system. The ALPR system, associated software, databases, and collected data remain the property of the Illinois State Police and are used solely for law enforcement and public safety purposes.

The Illinois State Police continue to oversee deployment, maintenance, and future expansion of the statewide ALPR program utilizing funding provided through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Key Program Facts

- 90-day data retention period
- Authorized law enforcement access only
- Managed by the Illinois State Police
- Funded through IDOT

FY26 Installation Costs

County	Installation Cost
Champaign County	\$1,197,220.00
Cook County	\$1,710,529.00
DuPage County	\$533,464.00
Sangamon County	\$651,393.00
St. Clair County	\$805,902.00
Will County	\$667,810.00
TOTAL	\$5,566,318.00

FY26 Annual Maintenance Costs

County	Annual Maintenance Cost
Champaign County	\$17,021.29
Cook County	\$531,552.31
DeKalb County	\$25,594.98
DuPage County	\$20,513.54
Will County	\$30,109.17
Winnebago County	\$19,550.19
McHenry County	\$23,186.61
Boone County	\$18,256.44
Lake County	\$18,256.44
Kane County	\$20,031.86
Henry County	\$19,740.04
Peoria County	\$22,905.48
Morgan County	\$14,957.94
St. Clair County	\$79,723.33
Sangamon County	\$18,321.79
TOTAL	\$879,721.41

During Fiscal Year 2026, the statewide Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) program continued to provide significant investigative value through billions of license plate detections and millions of database comparisons.

3.38 Billion

License Plate
Detections

94.8 Million

Criminal Database
Hits

958,482

Investigative
Searches

190

Cameras
Installed



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