POLICY 1206	Eugene Police Department
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Emerging Technology Considerations

1206.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to personnel on when and how to consider implementing new technology. Each technology will be assessed separately, and may require its own policy. This policy is designed to assist in the decision making and public input process related to the acquisition and use of new technology.

1206.2 DEFINITIONS

Emerging Technology - Emerging technology is a relative term; however, for the purposes of this policy it is any technology that the department does not currently have in the field, and is in the development or market-widening phases of business; furthermore, it is anticipated that the technology has the potential to alter the business or operating environment of the department. Examples of once-emerging technology are In-Car Video systems, mobile dispatch terminals, and cellular phones.

1206.3 POLICY

The department will leverage technology to maximize the efficiency of officers and to deliver outstanding customer service. The department will closely monitor emerging law enforcement-based technology and will only select new technology that has been evaluated against constitutional protections of the community. All technology used by the department will be governed by policy that comply with constitutionally protected rights.

1206.4 CONSIDERATIONS BEFORE NEW TECHNOLOGY IS ADOPTED

Before any new technology is obtained by the department, the following will be forwarded via the chain of command to the Police Chief for approval:
1. Proposed pilot test project that includes:
   a. The purpose and objectives of the project
   b. Description of the technology
   c. Description of how the technology is designed to support the department's mission
   d. Consideration of unintended consequences
   e. Summary of public concerns where technology has been implemented
   f. Plan to address public concerns
   g. Plan to solicit public input. If no input is sought, explanation as to why no input is sought
   h. Evaluation methods and scope of project

    i. Evaluation criteria
    j. Duration of the project
    k. Total cost of ownership including licensing
    l. Support service and maintenance requirements and cost
    m. EPD or ISD staff assigned to support new technology
    n. Data storage plan
    o. What other agencies own/utilize the new technology?

   2. Pilot test project findings.

1206.5 GENERAL GUIDELINES

The department will not utilize an emerging technology in a manner, or for a purpose that knowingly violates the reasonable expectations of privacy of community members unless a valid search warrant has been signed by a magistrate authorizing its use.