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STATUS UPDATE: Newly installed technology helps bolster community safety.

The Chula Vista City Council's approval of a plan to combat vehicle and vehicle accessory theft in October 2023 marked a significant step in enhancing public safety. With the acceptance of over \$3 million in grant funding, the Chula Vista Police Department initiated the implementation of various strategies, including the installation of 150 automatic license plate readers (ALPRs) across the city.

As of the latest update, 81 of these ALPR cameras have been installed and are currently undergoing testing. These devices serve a crucial role in law enforcement efforts by identifying vehicles linked to criminal suspects, missing persons, and ongoing investigations. Additionally, they aid in reuniting victims with their stolen vehicles and property.

Given the alarming rates of vehicle theft and catalytic converter theft reported in the past year—more than 1,000 vehicle thefts and 140 catalytic converter thefts—the deployment of ALPRs is poised to bolster the Chula Vista Police Department's commitment to combating such crimes. "I'm grateful my officers can start using these new ALPR cameras, along with other tools and technology, to keep our community safe and hold criminals accountable for their actions," said Chief Roxana Kennedy.

With installation for the remaining ALPR cameras slated for completion in the coming months, the Chula Vista Police Department continues to prioritize the effective utilization of technology in its mission to safeguard the community. For further information on the ALPR system and the department's transparency efforts, individuals are encouraged to visit the Chula Vista PD Transparency Portal at the provided link: <https://transparency.flocksafety.com/chula-vista-ca-pd>.

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