

# Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff

## Surveillance Use Policy for Tactical Ball Cameras

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### 1. Purpose

The Sheriff's Office deploys Remington Technology EBR1 Ball Cameras ("Tactical Ball Cameras"), during tactical operations to locate, identify, and potentially mitigate risks to responding personnel and civilians. Tactical Ball Cameras may be deployed to help law enforcement view potentially dangerous environments before entering them. Tactical Ball Cameras provide a real-time stream of images in a spherical panorama, which may include identifiable information about individuals or groups in the vicinity of the camera. A search warrant is not required to use Tactical Ball Cameras.

### 2. Authorized and Prohibited Uses

The use of Tactical Ball Cameras shall be subject to the discretion of the Incident Commander or the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (SERT) tactical commander. Authorized uses for Tactical Ball Cameras shall include only the following law enforcement and first responder purposes:

- Assisting with dynamic entry/ high-risk entry operations;
- Assessing and clearing low visibility areas during a tactical operation;
- Assisting with hostage rescue operations;
- Assisting with search-and-rescue operations;
- Assisting with other law-enforcement and first-responder uses not prohibited by law.

Tactical Ball Cameras shall not be used for personal or non-law-enforcement purposes.

### 3. Data Collection

Tactical Ball Cameras capture real-time video images. Tactical Ball Cameras shall not record or store such video images.

### 4. Data Access

Access to real-time video images shall be limited to officers involved in the particular tactical operation, members of the Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Team, and Sheriff's Office Executive Command Staff members.

### 5. Data Protection

The footage is real-time only and shall be secured via encryption when traveling from the device to the reader. No data shall be stored.

### 6. Data Retention

Tactical Ball Cameras shall not record or store data.

**7. Public Access**

The public shall not have access to the real-time video stream provided by Tactical Ball Cameras.

**8. Third-Party Data-Sharing**

For joint law enforcement operations, involved personnel from other law enforcement agencies may be provided access to view live streaming images from the Tactical Ball Cameras. Other third parties shall not be provided access to the Tactical Ball Cameras video streams.

**9. Training**

Training for the operation of the Tactical Ball Cameras shall be provided by Sheriff's Office personnel.

**10. Oversight**

The SERT Commander or Tactical Vehicle Commander shall oversee the operation of the Tactical Ball Cameras, as well as compliance with this Surveillance Use Policy. An audit log shall be kept for use of the Tactical Ball Cameras to ensure compliance with this policy. Sheriff's administration shall review the audit log as it deems necessary, and at least annually.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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