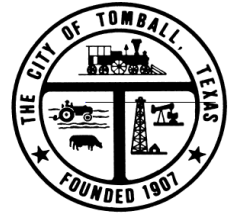


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### **Tomball Police Department Deploys New “Crime Fighting” Tool**

The Tomball Police Department is utilizing a new technological system to fight crime throughout the city. The newest technological application to law enforcement within the City of Tomball is an automatic license plate recognition system.

The Automatic License Plate Recognition System, developed Pips Technology, has been deployed in multiple Tomball Police Department patrol vehicles. These vehicles are equipped with both forward and rear facing cameras, which are linked into a Mobile Data Computer. This system creates the ability to scan, recognize and process the license plates of several hundred cars an hour. The license plates are automatically cross-checked in real time against a number of local and national databases to identify vehicles that are of interest to law enforcement. This includes databases established to locate stolen vehicles, wanted persons, and sexual predators traveling through the City of Tomball.

The use of these technological innovations is part of the Tomball Police Department's continuing commitment to employ the latest and most efficient law enforcement tools as a means of maintaining a safe, secure, and family-friendly environment throughout the City of Tomball.