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The Boston Police Foundation donates \$20,000 to the Boston Police Department

*After the fundraising success of the Boston Police Foundation
Gala, the foundation donates \$20,000 to the BPD for ALPR
Cameras*

BOSTON – The Boston Police Foundation hosted its 1st Annual Gala on March 22, 2014 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers. The gala was extremely successful and the foundation was able to raise over \$450,000. Stemming from the success of the Gala the foundation requested specific needs of assistance from the Boston Police Department and Commissioner Evans in order to maximize the impact of a donation to the department.

In accordance with the Boston Police Foundation’s mission to assist the Boston Police Department in protecting Boston’s communities through Technological Advances, the Boston Police Foundation chose to donate \$20,000 to purchase two Fixed Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Cameras. Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) helps police do their jobs more effectively. Every day, in every jurisdiction, there is a list of license numbers to watch for and this equipment allows officers to identify and investigate appropriately.

The Fixed ALPR cameras purchased by the BPD and Boston Police Foundation will provide license plate monitoring at 5 intersections in selected Boston neighborhoods to help prevent and reduce crime activity. These areas were determined after an analysis and an investigation was completed by the Boston Regional Intelligence Center. With the described equipment Boston Police Department will be equipped to review data and investigate individuals traveling in areas that experience high gang and firearm violence.

About The Boston Police Foundation

The Boston Police Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 1993 to provide private financial support for the Boston Police Department's critically needed resources. Our supporters help fund special equipment, advanced training, new technology, officer safety and wellness, and youth outreach programs not covered in the annual budget. For more information, call 781-760-0947, or visit us at www.bostonpolicefoundation.org.

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