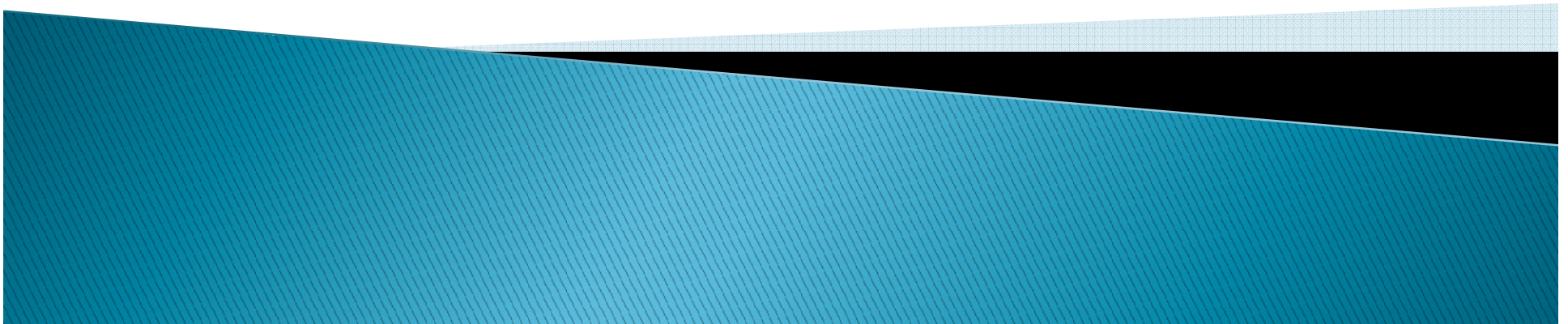


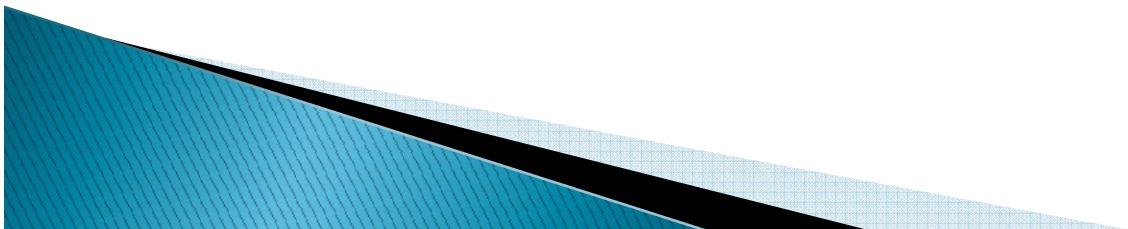
Denver Police Department High Activity Location Observation (HALO) Program

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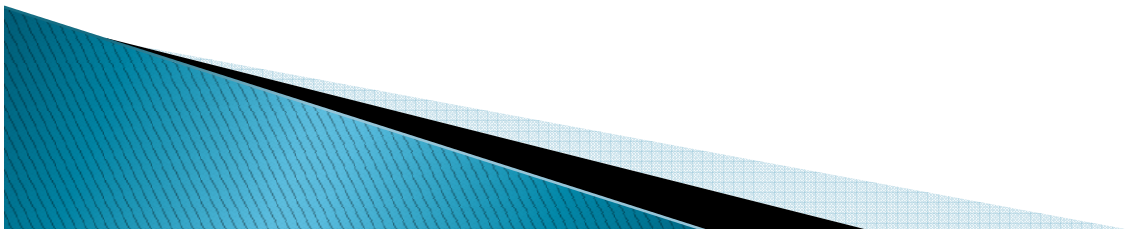
History of HALO

- ▶ The Denver Police Department began examining the use of HALO in the fall of 2005 and the program began in January of 2006.
- ▶ On September 24th, 2006 the first HALO video was extracted and used to prosecute a defendant who fired shots at a police officer. The defendant was convicted.
- ▶ The selection of Denver for the Democratic National Convention in 2008, provided substantial funding and was the catalyst needed to expand and solidify the HALO program.
- ▶ In 2010, the East Colfax Business Improvement District was the first organization to donate a large sum of money specifically for the installation of 14 HALO cameras. These cameras are located on Colfax Ave. between Lincoln St. and Josephine St.
- ▶ The HALO program has continued to expand through donations from private entities as well as funding through the City of Denver.
- ▶ The Denver Police Department HALO program has become a model for similar systems in other cities. Austin, TX, Aurora, CO, Lakewood, CO and Colorado Springs, CO have all modeled portions of their programs based upon Denver's HALO program.



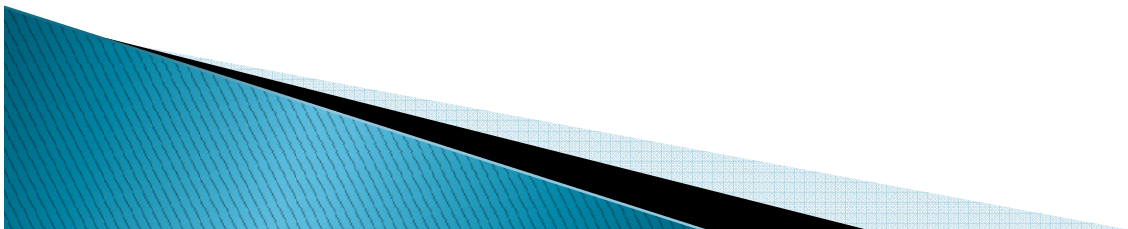
HALO Contract

- ▶ The Denver Police Department and City Purchasing conducted a formal bid process to solicit proposals from vendors to provide maintenance, repair, service and support to the HALO program.
- ▶ The Avrio RMS Group was the successful vendor.
- ▶ The Avrio RMS Group was purchased by Hitachi Data Systems Corporation.



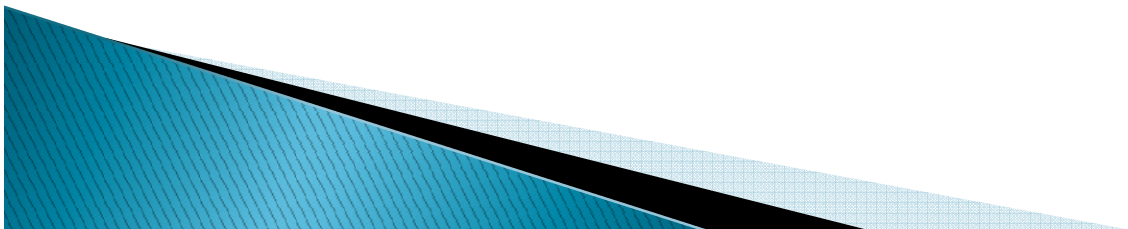
Hitachi Data Systems Corporation

- ▶ Hitachi Data Systems Corporation contract provides the following:
 - Maintenance of the current system
 - Potential expansion of five (5) cameras per year
 - Potential expansion of five (5) Rapidly Deployable Cameras per year
 - Fifteen (15) camera upgrades per year
 - Required licensing



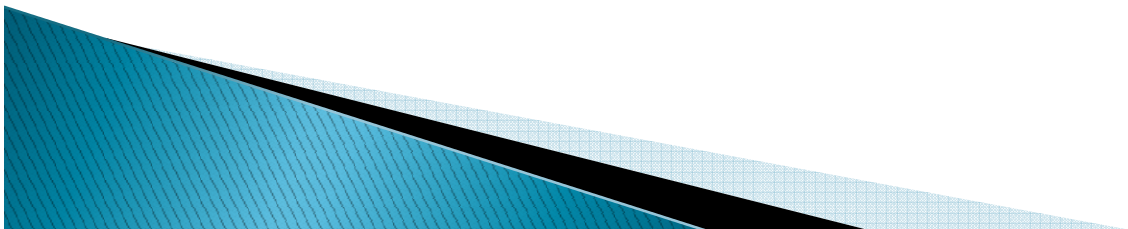
HALO Overview

- ▶ The Denver Police Department's strategic plan states we will endeavor to combine both efficiency and effectiveness, while leveraging technologies that enhance policing operations. The HALO unit epitomizes this goal.
- ▶ The goal of HALO is to enhance the safety and security of residents, workers, visitors, public buildings, educational institutions, healthcare facilities, tourist venues and commercial enterprises.
- ▶ This technology weighs the aspect of public safety with the privacy rights of individuals.



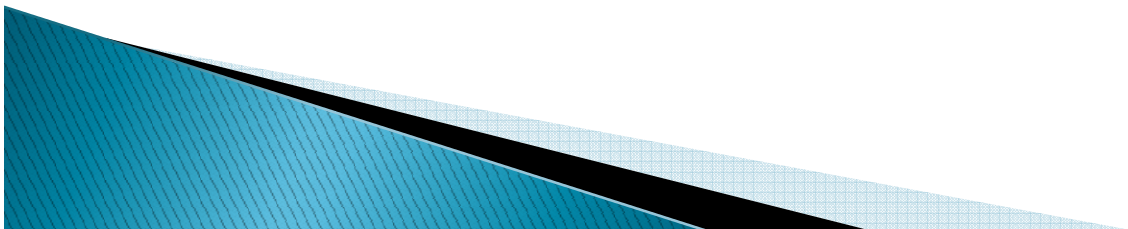
HALO Overview

- ▶ HALO currently has over 160 cameras which record 24 hours a day.
- ▶ The cameras are only directed to observe areas that are in public view. Examples are parking lots, parks, streets, roads and alleyways.
- ▶ They are not used to view the inside of residences or to impede on the privacy rights of our citizens and visitors.
- ▶ The HALO camera system is video only, no audio.



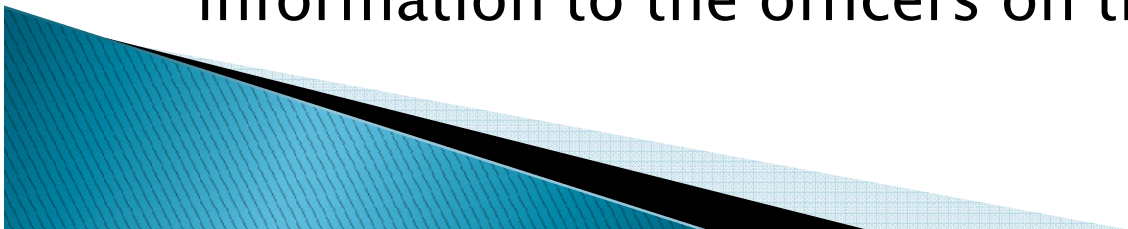
HALO Command Center

- ▶ The HALO Command Center is located inside of Denver Police Headquarters.
- ▶ Its staff currently includes 1 police sergeant, 2 police technicians, 4 full time and 4 part time civilian employees.
- ▶ The command center provides monitoring personnel 16–20 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- ▶ All HALO video is maintained and archived for 30 days, unless it is determined that the video is evidence in a criminal case. Evidentiary video is maintained in accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes.



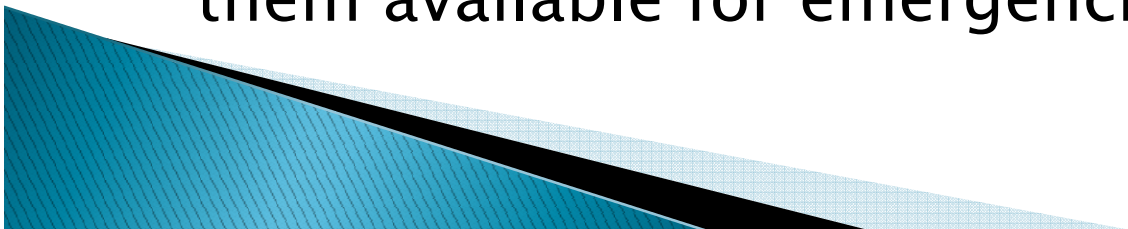
HALO Command Center

- ▶ The HALO Command Center has access to almost 700 traffic and CDOT cameras and the ability to record up to 48 of these cameras.
- ▶ HALO also has access to over 700 RTD cameras and over 2,000 Denver Public School cameras.
- ▶ The HALO Command Center actively monitors Denver Police radio channels, utilizing the cameras to reactively assist and provide real time information to the patrol officers on the street.
- ▶ The HALO Command Center proactively monitors hot spot locations that are identified by district commanders.
- ▶ The command center communicates criminal activity to Denver Police dispatch, providing real time information to the officers on the street.



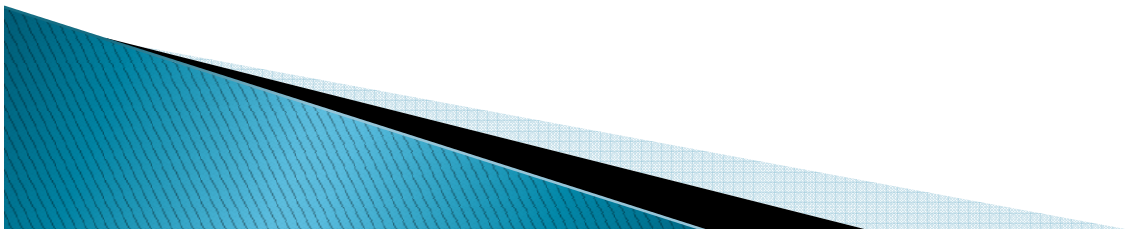
HALO and Body Worn Cameras

- ▶ Funding for Body Worn Cameras and the management of the program and video storage was approved for the 2015 budget.
- ▶ The managing of this project is the responsibility of the HALO Unit.
- ▶ The HALO Unit provides the video to other law enforcement agencies, District Attorneys and City Attorneys for use in criminal proceedings.
- ▶ In order to process the expanded workload, in 2015, the HALO Unit will be expanded by 1 civilian supervisor and 2 full time civilian employees. This expansion will limit the workload for the officer on the street keeping them available for emergencies.



HALO Video Policy

- ▶ The Denver Police Department HALO policy is in the department's Operations Manual, Section 119.00 H.A.L.O. This policy was drafted after examining best practices and with input from the City Attorney's office, District Attorney's office and the ACLU.
- ▶ Videos are used exclusively for law enforcement purposes. Against that backdrop, requests for video are reviewed by the Records Coordinator who weighs the public purpose to be served with the agency and individual interests in determining whether to release the video.



Questions?

