

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

Albuquerque Police Department



Raymond D. Schultz, Chief of Police

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Mr. Brian Putnam
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Administration and Finance
Operational Services Division
One Ashburton Place, Room 1017
Boston, MA 02108-1552

Dear Mr. Putnam:

The Albuquerque Police Department (APD) has been involved in 3D laser scanning for criminal investigation and research for over five years. During this time, the Department has exclusively used Leica as a forensic vendor for their ScanStation Technology.

The Leica ScanStation Technology and Instrumentation is an integral part of the investigations of APD's Scientific Evidence Division (SED). This division includes a full service Crime Laboratory and the Major Crime Scene Team. It has been deployed in the majority of homicide and officer involved shooting cases for years, and has also been used by forensic disciplines in research applications for shooting and motor vehicle crash reconstructions. The level of expertise acquired through on site Leica training and telephonic support service provided for the recognition and reputation as skilled 3D scanning experts that prompted agencies from across the state and in the region to request the deployment of our 3D investigative team.

As a direct result of APD's deployment of Leica's ScanStation technology, the level of detail, and comprehensiveness of investigations has improved dramatically. Details that very easily could have been missed are now a routinely documented when using 3D scanning technology. This has lead to several stunningly important products in casework (such as viewpoints, trajectory assessments, and distance measurements) that would have otherwise been impossible to obtain.

In addition to the technical capacities of the instrumentation, Leica's technical support has repeatedly demonstrated willingness to assist our Department. Leica's superb knowledge of their system's hardware and software has lead to an extremely tight knit support network through which we can initiate and receive individualized phone and email assistance in a matter of minutes. Leica has also demonstrated their willingness to be a partner with our Department by sending multiple, knowledgeable staff to our jurisdictions to testify in Daubert style hearings. Because of this partnership between our investigators and Leica, the technology effortlessly met the standard for acceptance for scientific acceptability.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 768-2200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Schultz".

RAYMOND D. SCHULTZ
Chief of Police