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Title: **Mainstreet Policing Meets Military-Grade Surveillance**

Subtitle:

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Short: *In the United States, people increasingly understand that local police departments often possess high-tech military grade weapons and equipment designed for the battlefield. But what people dont realize is that the same police departments often also possess very sophisticated surveillance technology that can be used to monitor, track and record the population as we all go about our everyday activities. The talk will explore the kinds of surveillance technologies now in the possession of ordinary police departments far from any crime or terrorism hotspots.*

Long: In the United States, particularly after protests in Ferguson in the wake of the police killing of Michael Brown, people increasingly understand that local police departments often possess high-tech military grade weapons and equipment designed for the battlefield. But what people dont realize is that the same police departments often also possess very sophisticated surveillance technology that can be used to monitor, track and record the population as we all go about our everyday activities. From stingrays to aerial surveillance to license plate readers and cell phone tracking, police now possess the ability to track people that the intelligence services could only have dreamed of decades ago. The talk will explore the kinds of surveillance technologies now in the possession of ordinary police departments far from any crime or terrorism hotspots. It will focus particularly on technologies of mass surveillance—ones that, like license plate readers, allow law enforcement agencies to monitor and record the movements or other activities of large numbers of people. It will discuss the origins of these technologies, and what is known about their use. Although the talk will focus on the U.S., similar technologies are present throughout Europe and audience members will be invited to talk about what’s going on in their own communities.