

APD update 17-06

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A trial of the suggested software was originally obtained (2019?) and provided to APD Records Commander (Velarde) for consideration by TSU. No other action has come from that since: the Commander has since retired and there was a public health emergency shortly after.

Since then, APD's software environment has changed greatly and Windows 7 has been phased out. In addition, the department is no longer using Tiburon Copperfire and have moved to a web-based RMS (Mark43). Also, starting in Windows 10 (APD's current operating system for Windows machines), Microsoft has introduced speech recognition into the base operating system. While this is currently available for use, as with anything else, significant evaluation efforts are required to establish "fit for use". Specialized products may still provide a noticeable advantage in the area if the problem (and need) still exists.

Since using Mark 43 has changed the environment of creating reports over the last 14 months, the conclusions from the original study (2017) should be revisited to ensure that they are still valid today (nearly 5 years later). APD academy, APD records should be included in any further consideration of "Speech to text" products after evaluating the need for such in the current operating environment.