

# AI Vendor Evaluation Checklist

Questions every public safety agency should ask before buying.

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## MISSION FIT

- What problem does this actually solve for us?
- Does it fit our workflow, or create duplicate work?
- Does it do something a generic chatbot can't?

## HUMAN OVERSIGHT

- Does it assist decisions, or make them?
- Does a person review and approve every output?

## TRANSPARENCY

- Can every output be traced back to its source?
- How does it handle errors and hallucinations?
- Does the vendor document the model's limitations?

## DATA, OWNERSHIP & CJIS

- Where is our data stored, and is it retained?
- Is our data used to train the vendor's model?
- Who owns the data, and can we permanently delete it?
- Can we export our data and outputs?
- Is it built to CJIS standards for any CJI it handles?

## ACCOUNTABILITY

- Is every AI action logged and auditable?
- Can supervisors review edits and disable features?
- Who is liable when the AI is wrong?

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**The bottom line: the officer stays responsible for every decision.**