GREY MAN TRACK · SEC-10

SEC-10 — Understanding the Surveillance State

Cameras · Data Brokers · Your Own Pattern

You can't reduce exposure to a system you don't understand

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT

SEC-10 maps the ambient data ecosystem — cameras, license-plate readers, data brokers — so members know what they're actually exposed to before trying to reduce it. It is not a hardening guide; it's the missing picture that makes the technical steps in SEC-04 make sense, and it assumes SEC-08 (Grey Man) is already complete.

Why This Matters

Most digital-security advice jumps straight to hardening tactics without explaining what's actually being hardened against. Overlapping collection systems are powerful, but the same breadth that makes them powerful also makes them slow and inconsistent — understanding the structure tells you where attention actually falls.

> *"A single pass rarely matters, but a repeated route becomes a searchable history."*

THE KEY CONCEPTS

Ambient Collection	Doorbell cameras, license-plate readers, loyalty programs, data brokers, social platforms — the ordinary systems most people pass through weekly.
License-Plate Reader Networks	Often privately operated and sold by subscription; every read is time-stamped and retained for a period before it ages out.
Data Brokers	Aggregate and resell consumer profiles. No universal opt-out exists — clearing one broker doesn't touch the others holding the same data.
Connecting Pattern	The one route, schedule, or habit linking your most sensitive locations — the actual target of exposure mapping, not an exhaustive list.

COURSE LESSONS

Lesson 1: Mapping the Ambient Data Ecosystem
The categories of ambient collection you actually pass through, and why overlapping systems are rarely as coordinated as they appear.

Lesson 2: How the Categories Actually Work
A closer look at license-plate reader networks, data brokers, and doorbell-camera sharing — how each actually operates.

Lesson 3: Mapping Your Own Exposure
Finding the one pattern that connects your most sensitive locations, and deciding whether it's worth breaking.

DOCTRINAL SOURCES

Source	Publisher	Relevance
No single named field manual cited in this build	FFTP synthesis	Synthesizes publicly documented ALPR, data-broker, and camera-sharing patterns, not one named manual; add a citation once confirmed.