



Flock Safety Update

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BACKGROUND

- In March 2022, requested 20 Flock Safety Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR)
- In April 2022, the Village Board approved the implementation of eight ALPR cameras
- In August 2022, Flock ALPR was implemented

WHAT IS FLOCK SAFETY TECHNOLOGY

- Captures computer-readable images of rear license plates and vehicles for the purpose:
 1. Alerts
 2. Investigative Tool
- Determines if a vehicle is wanted for a crime or stolen through a search of:
 - Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS)
 - National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database
- Generate an Alert to Law Enforcement agencies

LAW ENFORCEMENT ALERTS

- Stolen Vehicle Alerts
 1. An unoccupied vehicle that was taken without the owner's permission
 2. An occupied vehicle that was taken with force or threat of force (display/implied weapon)
- Missing Person Alerts
 1. Runaway person (teenager)
 2. Adult's whereabouts are unknown
- Violent Crime Alerts

INVESTIGATIVE TOOL

- License plate numbers give law enforcement the objective, actionable leads needed to solve the investigation.
- Detectives can pinpoint the suspect's last known location, narrowing the search radius.
- Accelerates investigations by allowing users to filter their search based on the vehicle's specific characteristics, including body type, make, color, and more.
- This is key in producing an investigative lead for law enforcement when a suspect vehicle has no visible plates.

POLICE DEPARTMENT GOAL

- Flock ALPR supports the Board Goal of Community Health & Safety, Priority 1: Reduce Crime (e) Develop and implement a strategy for data-informed policing to prevent and reduce crime and allocate resources effectively.
- To utilize the Flock ALPRs within the parameters outlined in the operational policy with the goal of:
 1. Efficient Investigations
 2. Deterrence
 3. Community Safety

EFFICIENT INVESTIGATIONS

- Flock is accessed daily by the Detective Bureau as an investigative tool to assist with more efficiently providing closure to victims of violent crimes. Investigative tools are devices, technology or software utilized by staff to ascertain more information about an event, scene or person(s).

DETERRENCE

- The Patrol Division commonly responds to the area of Flock alerts to locate a vehicle that triggered the alert.
- The mere presence of police deters crimes, even if an investigative stop is not initiated.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

- The ultimate goal of the Police Department procuring the ALPRs is to provide community safety through police presence, initiating investigative stops and as an investigative tool/resource.
- The combined utilization of this objective technology and other police strategies has yielded a safer community.

DATA – 20 Months

- Initiated or attempted 65 investigative stops
 - 14 - Arrests
 - 18 - Assist other Agencies
 - 7 - Confiscation of guns
 - 32 - Attempt Stops
 - 11 - Delay in LEADS removal of stolen vehicle

RECOMMENDATION

Renew the Flock Safety contract and supplement it with additional ALPRs and expand the scope for utilization and alerts.

- More effective coverage.
- More analytical data to review as part of a criminal investigation.
- The expansion of the scope to address emerging crime trends.
- Proactively respond to areas that currently lack coverage.
- An objective resource that provides real-time alerts regarding stolen vehicles, vehicles involved in violent crimes and missing persons.
- Assist the Detective Bureau with accelerating investigations.
- Confiscating guns in an effort to make the community safer.
- Supports Board Goal of Community Health & Safety, Priority 1, Reduce Crime, (e) aid in data-informed police strategies.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Renew the Flock Safety contract and maintain current ALPR allocations.
2. Renew the Flock Safety contract, and limit the use to investigative searches only
3. Cancel the Flock Safety contract.

QUESTIONS?

