



The Lathrup Village Police Department

Introduction into program effectiveness:

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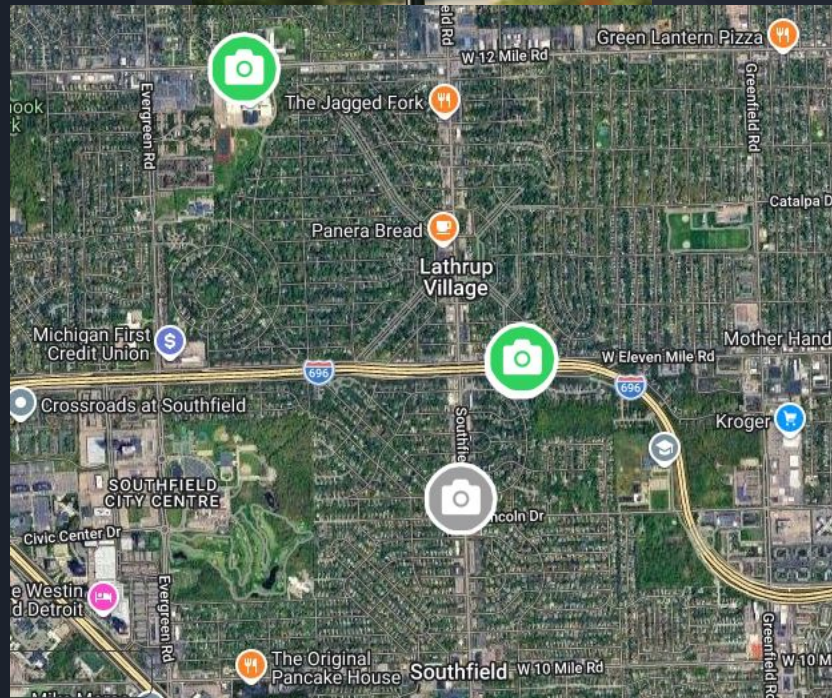


flock safety

What is Flock?

At its core, Flock Safety builds and operates:

- **License plate reader cameras (ALPRs)**
 - These are cameras mounted on poles or roads that automatically scan passing cars.
- **Vehicle tracking software**
 - The cameras capture details like:
 - License plate number
 - Car make, model, and color
 - Time and location
- **Database + search tools**
 - Law enforcement can search an area for a specific make/model/color and develop a suspect in a crime that had just occurred.
- **ALERT function** notifies Law Enforcement when a high priority vehicle is passing through. I.E. Stolen car, felony wanted subject or vehicle, Amber Alert, Missing Person, and Personal Protection Orders or ERPO
- **Custom Hot List** allows investigators/patrol to be notified when a wanted vehicle is passing through the city in order to stop and ID the occupants in furtherance of a criminal investigation.



FLOCK AIDING LVPD INVESTIGATIONS AND PATROL

Individual Police Departments must approve and grant permission to the LVPD to access their Flock cameras. LVPD has access to thousands of cameras nation wide. These help Detectives track suspects who come in/out from out of state like theft groups (SATG), traveling scam artists, fraudsters, and wanted subjects with active Lathrup Village arrest warrants evading arrest.

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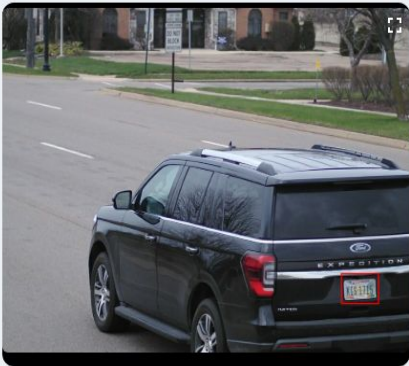
NCIC - Stolen Vehicle

Plate



Source Entry Details

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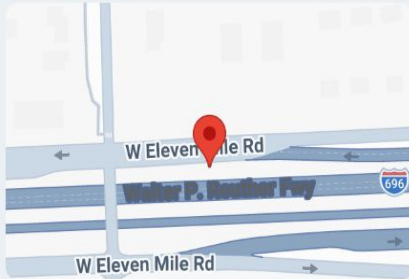


Device

F#002 W 11 Mile @ Lathrup Blvd WB 3,4

Estimated Location

17455 W Eleven Mile Rd, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076, US



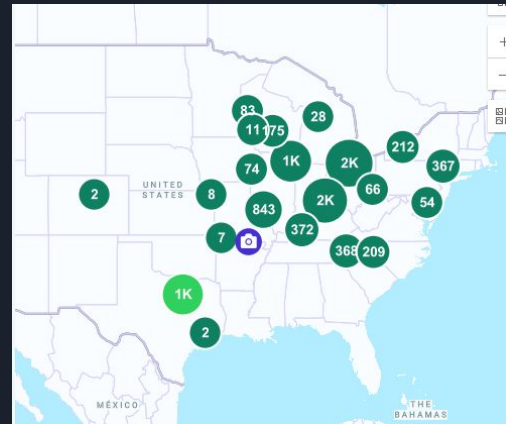
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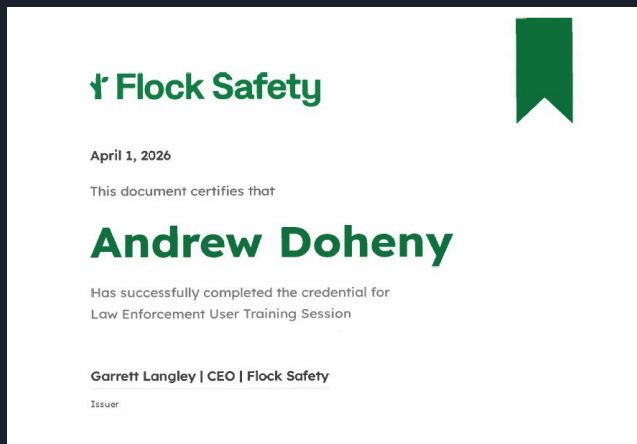


TRAINING AND POLICY

1.) Each Officer must review and sign the Policy regarding ALPR.

2.) Officers must take the required training before being granted access to use the system. Personal use of the system is strictly forbidden.

- Law Enforcement User Training Session
- Law Enforcement - Alerts Cert
- Law Enforcement - Search Cert
- Flock Mobile Application



			
Lathrup Village Police Department			
Chief of Police Scott McKee			
General Order	SUBJECT	Number of Pages	
24.04	Automated License Plate Readers	7	
<i>*This Directive Supersedes All Previously Issued Correspondence Relative To This Topic*</i>			
MLEAC Standards:		Effective Date	Revised Date
		05/17/24	

1. PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for the capture, storage, and use of digital data obtained through the use of Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Technology to solve crime.

2. POLICY

Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology, also known as License Plate Recognition, provides automated detection of license plates. ALPRs are used by the Lathrup Village Police Department to link data associated with vehicle license plates for official law enforcement purposes, including identifying stolen or wanted vehicles, stolen license plates and missing persons. ALPRs may also be used to gather information related to active warrants, homeland security advisories and bulletins, electronic surveillance, suspect interdiction, and stolen property recovery. It is the intent of the Department to ensure that the access and use of ALPR data is consistent with respect for individuals' privacy and civil liberties. It is also the policy of the Lathrup Village Police Department not to contribute to the criminalization of poverty. As such, ALPR technology will not be used for traffic enforcement, or the enforcement of civil judgements and immigration laws.

OVERSIGHT AND AUDITS

10. ALPR DETECTION BROWSING AUDITS

A. It is the responsibility of the Chief of Police or their designee to conduct an annual audit of the ALPR detection browsing inquiries, including an audit sampling of the ALPR system utilization from the previous 12 months to verify proper use in accordance with the authorized uses of the system. The audit shall randomly select a substantial sampling of the inquiries and determine if each inquiry meets the requirements established by policy.

B. The audit shall be documented in an internal report to the Chief of Police. The report shall include any data errors found and any violations of this policy.



To: Chief Zang

From: Sergeant Roberts

RE: 2025 Flock Audit

Date: 3/27/2026

This memo is to serve as an annual audit of the Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) or "Flock" for the year 2025 per General Order 24.04. Flock is used in a variety of capacities in Law Enforcement. Flock assists in the apprehension of high priority vehicles traveling through the city as well as aiding in the investigations of crimes that occur within the city. The program has led to numerous traffic stops that end in arrests as well as arrest warrants issued by the Oakland County Prosecutors Office through investigations.

The Lathrup Village Police Department has established policies and procedures, along with training, to ensure public trust and the proper use of the system. The LVPD conducts annual audits of the ALPR detection browsing inquiries. The audit shall randomly select a substantial sampling of the inquiries and determine if each inquiry meets the requirements established by policy.

In the year 2025, Officers from the Lathrup Village Police Department conducted a total of 1309 searches. The search is categorized by the name of the Officer, cameras searched, time frame to be searched, license plate, reason for search, case #, and date/time stamp of when it was run. A random audit of 10% of these searches was conducted. Ten (10) searches were chosen at random per month and reviewed to verify proper procedure was followed. A list of the searches is attached to this document.

My audit and review of all randomly chosen searches for the 2025 calendar year resulted in no suspicion of improper use of the system. It appears that proper policy and procedures were conducted on the samples chosen. All Officers have taken the proper training class provided by Flock as well.

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SUCCESSFULNESS OF FLOCK

January -April 2025

25-367

- Traffic altercation road rage at 11 Mile and Southfield Rd.
- An elderly driver got struck in the face by the other driver and fell to the ground. The elderly man's legs were ran over by a passing car.
- Ofc used Flock to identify suspects vehicle. Through an investigation the suspect was identified and an arrest warrant was approved by the Prosecutor's Office (misd assault).
- Investigating Ofc put the suspects vehicle into his "Custom Hot List". Several weeks later, while on patrol, the Ofc got a Flock alert that the vehicle was coming towards the city.
- Ofc found the vehicle parked at Mich 1st Credit Union. Ofc arrested the suspect on the Lathrup Village arrest warrant.

25-384

- Retail fraud at BP Gas Station where multiple suspects, in the same vehicle, stole various expensive bottles of liquor.
- Det. used Flock to identify the vehicle, after it fled the scene (rental).
- Det. sent out a crime bulletin to all area Departments.
- Several jurisdictions had open retail fraud cases on the same suspects and vehicle, but they were not able to identify the plate of the car. (No Flock)
- LVPD was able to ID suspects and submit for arrest warrants, with corroboration from Canton PD and Livonia PD.

25-597

- Flock alert of a stolen vehicle in the city, stolen out of Detroit 6 days prior.
- LVPD Officers boxed in the vehicle at a red light, to prevent a pursuit.
- Driver was arrested and a Lathrup Village warrant was issued for possession of stolen property.

25-716

- Flock alerted to a vehicle whose registered owner was wanted for a felony retail fraud warrant out of Canton.
- Officers stopped the vehicle and identified the driver as the wanted subject.
- Arrestee was turned over to Canton PD.

25-1485

- Flock alert on a vehicle that was wanted out of Royal Oak for Felonious Assault.
- Officers stopped the vehicle without incident and identified the occupants.
- Royal Oak Officers arrived on scene and took possession of the vehicle and the occupants for questioning.

25-2135

- Flock alert on a stolen U-Haul truck in the city.
- Vehicle was stopped without incident and driver was positively identified.
- It was discovered that Southfield PD had an open case on the driver but Southfield PD could not identify the suspects real name, due to him using a fake license at the time of rental.
- Due to LVPD's stop and proper ID of the driver, he was arrested and the vehicle was impounded.

25-5791

- Victim reported one of his business checks was fraudulently made out to suspect and cashed by the suspect, one at the Mich 1st Credit Union.
- Mich 1st provided security pic of the suspects car but plate was unreadable, only able to see the first three digits.
- Detective noted the rear windshield wiper was stuck in the 11 O'clock position on the suspects car.
- Detective used Flock Search feature on cameras in the area, for a black Jeep Grand Cherokee in the timeframe suspect was at Mich 1st.
- Detective found a vehicle with the same rear wiper blade stuck in the same position that passed. Suspect was able to be identified via SOS.
- Arrest warrant was issued.



25-3084

- Flock alert of a vehicle with a stolen license plate in the city.
- Officers stopped the vehicle without incident.
- Through an investigation, it was determined the owner/driver was unaware that his true license plate was stolen and replaced with a different stolen plate (a common MO when stolen vehicles are used in other more severe crimes).
- Due to LVPD's stop and investigation, it prevented a potentially dangerous situation the driver could of been placed in as well as getting his plate into LEIN as stolen before it is used in another crime.

25-4039

- Flock alert on a stolen flatbed trailer with a SC plate, in the city. On the trailer was also a large John Deere tractor.
- Officers located the trailer and tractor parked in the driveway of a residents home.
- Investigation was conducted and it was determined that both the trailer and tractor were stolen.
- Case was turned over to Oakland County Auto Theft for issuance of charges.





25-12162

- A resident walked into the front lobby and presented Officers with an Order for a Mental Health Examination petition.
- The order was signed by the Circuit Court judge and was for the residents wife, who was experiencing a mental health crisis.
- Officers went to the home and attempted to serve the petition to take the subject to the Hospital.
- The subject refused to open the door and refused to go to the Hospital. Officers determined she was not in any immediate danger and without a search warrant, left the home.
- Ofc put the subjects vehicle plate into his Custom Hot List.
- Three days later, Flock alerted the vehicle was heading in the direction of her home.
- Ofc posted down the road from the home and observed her pull into the driveway.
- Ofc took the subject into protective custody after a brief struggle.
- Subject received the proper mental health help at the Hospital and was transferred to a long term care facility.

-This same scenario occurred a few months later where Flock assisted in taking another resident in a mental health crisis into protective custody. She made several attempts to avoid Police and parents.

26-1277

- Flock alert on a stolen vehicle in the city, stolen two weeks prior from a neighboring city.
- Officers located the vehicle and attempted a traffic stop to which the vehicle fled.
- After a brief pursuit Officers were able to safely disable the vehicle by blocking it in at 11 Mile and Southfield Rd.
- The driver was arrested and discovered to have an active warrant for Armed Robbery out of Southfield.
- The passenger was experiencing a drug overdose due to fentanyl and received the necessary medical attention on scene.
- During a search of the vehicle a BB gun, with the orange tip removed and painted black, was located in the back seat. (Potentially prevented another planned armed robbery)

26-2347

- Officers took a report of a stolen credit card being used at Middle Eats.
- Through an investigation and the use of Flock, the suspects vehicle was found.
- The suspect used the stolen credit card in multiple cities throughout Metro Detroit.
- A joint investigation is currently ongoing.

Recently, a bank robbery occurred in a neighboring jurisdiction. Prior to this, this city removed all Flock cameras for their local Police Department to utilize. Oakland County Sheriff and the FBI alerted to us that the suspect's vehicle was just seen on our Lathrup Village Flock camera on 11 Mile Rd and Lathrup Blvd. LVPD Officers, as well as FBI, located the vehicle driving in the city and stopped it on NB Southfield Rd approaching 12 Mile. The suspect was taken into custody.



THANK YOU!

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