



To: Lathrup Village DDA

From: Lieutenant Michael Zang

Date: April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Re: Flock Safety License Plate Readers

The Lathrup Village Police Department, as well as many other police agencies in the area are trying to advance the investigative tools within their agencies. A newer resource available to law enforcement are license plate readers (LPRs). The company "Flock Safety" has the corner on the market in our area and are reasonably priced compared to competitors. Their cameras are strategically placed throughout a city and record license plates as they drive by. This information is invaluable to investigators as we try to solve crime within our respective cities. For the agencies around us who already have Flock Cameras installed, they have been vital in generating leads and solving crimes. Many times, victims are able to provide us with details about a vehicle (make, model and color), but not a license plate. That is where Flock Cameras become so helpful. Detectives would be able to generate leads simply by reviewing the cameras when the crime was committed and search for matching cars in the area around the same time. I've worked with many investigators in the area and they have been able to successfully prosecute many types of crimes as a result of the leads produced from the Flock Cameras. With the recent uptick in retail frauds and financial fraud, this system would primarily assist with investigations for the businesses in Lathrup Village.

When purchased by a law enforcement agency or purchased exclusively for a police agency, Flock Cameras are also be given access to LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) information. That feature would give LVPD a heads up when a stolen vehicle, missing person, or a non-compliant sex offender enters the city, as well as other sensitive LEIN data. We are also be able to enter vehicle plates into the Flock system, so when a returning retail fraud suspect enters the city, we would have the drop on them before they can commit another crime. For instance, when a known retail fraud suspect vehicle's plate is entered into Flock because they have previously stolen from a business, Lathrup Village Officer's phones would get an instant text alert with a picture and a caption of what business they have stolen from in the past. This would give us an advantage to saturate the area with law enforcement, essentially scaring them away before committing another crime.

I am available anytime for questions, and the Flock Representative also offered a demonstration, if needed. I will break the cost down below. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Cost:

4 camera minimum @ \$3,000 per camera = \$12,000 (recurring yearly cost)

Installation (one time cost) - \$650 Flock's pole with solar panel

\$150 for installation on City's pole (power required)

\$1250 for MDOT pole (permitting/power required)