City of WHITEWATER	Council Agenda Item
Meeting Date:	11/05/2026
Agenda Item:	Monthly Flock Update
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BACKGROUND
(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

WPD Concerns/Successes:

- On October 7, 2026, Captain Vander Steeg was able to complete the updates to our Flock sharing settings consistent with the Council's decision on September 1, 2026.

- October 2026: The owner of a construction company advised they are building a large commercial building on the east side of Whitewater. Over the weekend, someone came onto the job site and stole a fuel trailer that contained approximately 400 gallons of fuel and a generator. Officers used Flock to locate a suspect vehicle and identified the owner of the suspect vehicle. The stolen fuel trailer, generator, and fuel has an estimated value of $7,000.

- October 2026: Elmhurst PD called for an elderly male with Alzheimer's missing from their jurisdiction and his plate hit on our Flock cameras. The initial call was 26.014738. Officers checked the area all the way to the Tri-County Motel and WWSO even assigned an officer and had them look in the area. The last ping during that call had them headed out of the city and when Elmhurst called back, they were provided with Jefferson and Rock County phone numbers as he was in the tri-county area per that last ping. Shortly thereafter, dispatch received a Flock alert. Elmhurst had entered an alert on the plate, and it hit on the opposite side of the city this time. Officers were able to find the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop and brought the elderly male back to the PD until his family was able to come pick him up.

- October 2026: The City of Jefferson Police Department was attempting to locate a suspect that fled a residence in their city that was wanted for a domestic abuse incident where that had charges on the suspect for disorderly conduct and battery. It was determined that the vehicle the suspect was driving had entered the north side of Whitewater after a Flock search. The suspect and vehicle were located, and the suspect was taken into custody for the incident. The suspect was turned over to the Jefferson Police Department.

Flock Safety Company Updates:

- https://www.reuters.com/business/ai-surveillance-startup-flock-safety-cut-several-hundred-jobs-amid-backlash-2026-10-09/

Local/National News:

- https://www.tmj4.com/news/local-news/in-your-community/washington-county/kewaskum-police-wont-renew-flock-safety-contract-after-license-plate-camera-is-stolen-amid-public-pushback
- https://www.tmj4.com/news/local-news/in-your-community/walworth-county/delavan-residents-celebrate-after-city-votes-to-immediately-remove-flock-cameras
- https://pbswisconsin.org/news-item/david-crowley-tom-tiffany-on-flock-camera-use-in-wisconsin/
- https://abcnews.com/US/flock-cameras-trigger-nationwide-backlash-privacy-concerns-police/story?id=136084771
- https://abcnews.com/GMA/News/flock-announces-security-amid-data-privacy-concerns/story?id=135619397

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT
(If none, state N/A)

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED
(If none, state N/A)

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