



Council Agenda Item

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Agenda Item: Flock Safety Information

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The Whitewater Police Department utilizes Flock Safety automated license plate reader (ALPR) cameras as an investigative resource. Recently, public officials have fielded concerns about the Flock system. The primary concerns noted have been perceived inaccuracies of Flock Safety data, concern about Flock Safety data being used by agencies for specific enforcement types, and security vulnerabilities. A previously received email, a response from Flock Safety addressing those concerns, and supporting documentation is included in the packet.

WPD's policy on ALPR usage is also provided for context on how we limit the use of Flock cameras. Staff feel confident that we are minimizing risk associated with ALPR use through our policy and practice and feel that the benefits of utilizing Flock Safety ALPR cameras significantly outweigh potential risks. Included in the packet are a list of WPD case examples where Flock was utilized to resolve the case, demonstrating the efficient and effective resource that Flock cameras provide WPD staff. That investigative resource positively impacts the general public by increasing the likelihood of solving our more challenging cases as well as increasing the likelihood of officers recovering stolen property. Flock cameras also significantly increase officers' ability to intervene in critical life safety events such as abductions or "rolling" domestic abuse cases occurring in vehicles.

Currently Whitewater PD shares flock data with other law enforcement agencies, and we request access to cameras of any law enforcement agency that shares with our agency. While it is possible for our agency to restrict access to outside agencies, much of the investigative capability of the Flock system rests in the ability for agencies to share the data across invisible jurisdictional boundaries, making all law enforcement more effective and efficient. It should be noted that only the last 30 days of Flock data is available for any searches that staff complete. A total of 13 Flock cameras are installed in Whitewater at a total annual cost of \$39,000 (\$3,000 per camera). The current Flock contract runs through the end of 2027.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

\$39,000 annually

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

No change recommended.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. Email from Citizen
 2. Response from Flock Safety
 3. LPR Myths and Facts
 4. LPR FAQ
 5. Flock Safety Security Claims and Facts
 6. WPD Policy – ALPR
 7. WPD Flock Case Examples
 8. Flock contract 2026-27
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