

Flock Off!

An Anti-ALPR Workshop By

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Agenda

1. Sign-ins + Welcome
2. Flock 101
3. MN: State of ALPR
 - St. Louis Park
 - Metro-wide and elsewhere
4. Action Items
5. Discussion
6. End

Sign-ins

- If you are in here, you should be signed in. Hopefully you RSVPed.
- If you haven't already, Join the Progress in the Park newsletter + signal chat.
 - If you need to think about it, do it before you leave. 😊
- Grab a nametag, write what we should call you (name, pseudonym, we don't have to know which).

Welcome

1. Progress in the Park + Eyes Off SLP introductions.
2. Introduce yourself, if desired. Just a couple sentences -- e.g.:
 - Where are you from? SLP, HopTonka, elsewhere?
 - What do you hope to get out of this event?

Flock 101

Scope of Data

- Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) – Undersells what they are capable of.
- AI-augmented scanners capturing make, model, color of a vehicle.
 - And also, scratches, dents, bumper stickers, immediate surroundings.
- Data sent through Flock software, extracting these characteristics, then does two things:
 1. Matches against hot lists: stolen cars, missing persons, etc.
 2. Saved to database for later queries.
- Flock structures these databases in a way that customers agree to “own” the data, but keys are not well controlled.

4. DATA USE AND LICENSING

4.1. Customer Data. As between Flock and Customer, all right, title, and interest in and to Customer Data belong to and are retained by Customer. Customer hereby grants to Flock a limited, non-exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide license to (a) use and disclose Customer Data to provide the Flock Services; and (b) use Customer Data to support and improve Flock's products and services. Customer Data will be available for Authorized End Users to access and download via the Web Interface during the applicable Retention Period. For clarity, Flock retains the exclusive right to determine and control the method, timing, format, and medium of such access or delivery, and is not obligated to provide Customer Data in any alternative form, format, or transmission method outside of the Web Interface. To the extent any Customer Data constitutes Personal Information (as defined under Applicable Laws), Flock will process such data in accordance with Applicable Law and the privacy policy set forth at <https://www.flocksafety.com/legal/privacy-policy>.

Flock's Master Key...

City Learns Flock Accessed Cameras in Children's Gymnastics Room as a Sales Pitch Demo, Renews Contract Anyway

Jason Koebler

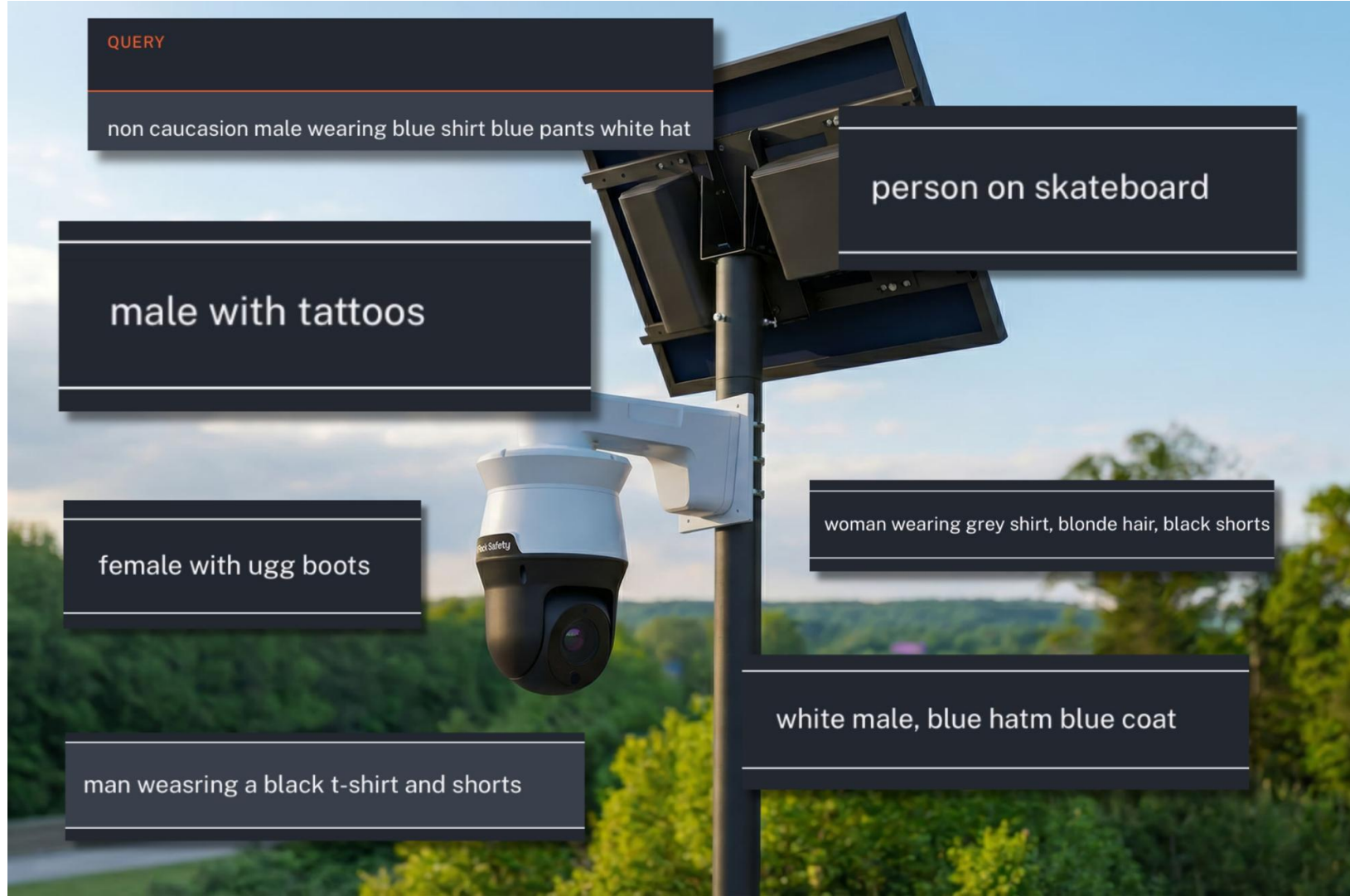
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Residents of an Atlanta suburb have been rocked by the revelation that sales employees at Flock have been accessing sensitive cameras in the town to demonstrate the company's surveillance technology to police departments around the country. The cameras accessed have included surveillance tech in a children's gymnastics room, a playground, a school, a Jewish community center, and a pool.

Customer Keys

- Customer search portal accessible by private business, law enforcement agency, HOA, etc. – Whomever has cameras installed in their jurisdiction.
- Access regulations are a patchwork across states, police departments, and sheriff's offices.
- Search portal generally accepts:
 - Plate number
 - Reason
 - Case number (optional)
 - Other filters



*Flock FreeForm Search Feature. Not used in St. Louis Park.
Images: Flock and screenshots from HaveIBeenFlocked.com.*

MN: State of ALPR

St. Louis Park Recent Events

Oct '24 or earlier

SLP PD adopts its current ALPR policy.

Winter '25-'26

Progress in the Park organizes during Operation Metro Surge.

March '26

PitP Launches ALPR Oversight campaign.

April '26

SLP City Council Holds a study session for consideration of changes to city ALPR policy and implementation.

SLP PD removes MN agencies with 287(g) agreements from its sharing network.

June '26

SLP PD tweaks its official ALPR policy.

SLP PD reduces number of Flock cameras deployed from 16 to 9, maybe? There are discrepancies we need clarification on.

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- (a) The agency makes a written request for the ALPR data that includes:
 - 1. The name of the agency.
 - 2. The name of the person requesting.
 - 3. The intended purpose of obtaining the information.
 - 4. A record of the factual basis for the access and any associated case number, complaint or incident that is the basis for the access.
 - 5. A statement that the request is authorized by the head of the requesting law enforcement agency or his/her designee.
- (b) The request is reviewed by the Administration Division Commander or the authorized designee and approved before the request is fulfilled.
 - 1. A release must be based on a reasonable suspicion that the data is pertinent to an active criminal investigation.
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2026-05-13 vs 2026-08-05, sourced from BCA website

St. Louis Park Network

- St. Louis Park scope of Flock deployment:
 - 9 cameras deployed, according to the BCA.
 - 16 cameras deployed, according to Flock.
 - Data shared with 39 agencies in MN. These agencies:
 - Are not supposed to be sharing any data with the federal government.
 - Generally agree to adhere to SLP PD policy and in turn, state law.
- SLP PD uses non-Flock ALPRs on all cruisers.

St. Louis Park Audit Data Findings

- Data report published on EyesOffSLP.org
- Three distinct “eras”:
 - **A national-access period (Jan-May 2025):** Hundreds of agencies from across the country—many explicitly assisting ICE, HSI, and CBP—searched St. Louis Park’s Flock camera network.
 - **An abrupt restriction (around June 2025):** Network access was cut by ~97%.
 - **A post-restriction period:** Immigration searches don’t disappear; instead, they go quiet on paper.
- St. Louis Park PD itself conducted zero searches listing “immigration” or similar reasons across all 16 months of Audit records.

However...

Delaware State Police	Network Audit	Mar 2025	"DxE Protest Suspect Vehicle / Capt. Windish"	Tracking vehicles belonging to an activist protest group (Direct Action Everywhere) using Minnesota infrastructure.
Carrollton TX PD	Network Audit	Feb 2025	"2025 PROTEST"	Protest-related vehicle tracking without case details.
Jersey Village TX PD	Network Audit	May 2025	"political signs"	Use of system for non-criminal, political tracking parameters.

Out-of-state queries before network restrictions in June 2025

St. Louis Park MN PD	Audit	Apr 2025 – ongoing	“Daytime search for best result” — 151 times	Open surveillance sweeps conducted with no crime, case number, or suspect recorded.
St. Louis Park MN PD	Audit	Dec 2025 – Feb 2026	“City Planning/Traffic Analysis” — 30 times	Officers utilized a criminal surveillance database for municipal traffic planning, overlapping distinct administrative utilities.
Minnetonka MN PD	Network Audit	Mar–May 2025	“ NOT PC, NOT WANTED Vehicle involved in a jacket theft... Three black females...”	Flagged internally as lacking probable cause and wanted status, yet ran searches repeatedly using race as an identifier.
Minnetonka MN PD	Network Audit	Apr–May 2025	“ NOT PC, NOT WANTED ... Black male suspect.”	Repeated instances of non-probable cause tracking over multiple weeks.

In-state use of questionable legality

Flock Around MN

Metro-wide and elsewhere in MN:

- Organizing: ACLU, MN Privacy Project, other city-based groups.
- Terminated Flock use:

Dec '25	Brooklyn Park	Cites “customer service.”
Mar '26	Shorewood	Removed pending audit. Still pending?
Jun '26	Columbia Heights	Public input.
Aug '26	West St Paul	Public input.
Aug '26	Winona	Act of god?

kstp.com

All 8 of Winona's Flock cameras stolen as cities across the state continue to see theft, vandalism

Emily Baude

2-3 minutes

Winona police are investigating after all eight of the city's Flock cameras were cut down and stolen.

It's the latest city in the state to experience Flock camera theft or vandalism; cameras have been reported stolen or damaged in Duluth, Plymouth, Faribault, Edina and Anoka County.

Winona police say officers initiated an investigation on Saturday night when law enforcement realized there had been no recent camera activity.

wismnews.com

Winona not replacing stolen Flock cameras

Kevin Millard

2-3 minutes

The City of Winona said that it isn't replacing the eight Flock cameras that [were stolen earlier this month](#).

Police had the eight cameras positioned around the city. They believe that sometime between July 29 and August 1, someone cut down and removed all the cameras. The theft of the cameras, which cost around \$3,000 each, was discovered on the evening of August 1.

Relevant MN Laws

- Statute Ch. 13 – Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA)
 - 13.824 – “AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS”
- Statute Ch. 325M – Minnesota Consumer Data Privacy Act (MCDPA)

MGDPA and ALPR Statute

- MGDPA regulates collection, handling, storage, and dissemination of government data.
 - Classifications of data
 - Right of public access to data
- Sec 13.824 – “AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS”
 - Data collection and use
 - Data destruction requirements
 - Inter-agency sharing
 - Audit log requirement
 - Biennial audit mandate
- Enforced/overseen by the State Data Practices Office and Office of the Legislative Auditor.

MCDPA

- Rather than government data, protects residents when data is used by companies.
- Rights established by the MCDPA
 - List – find out with whom your data was shared.
 - Opt-out – prohibit company from using your data for profiling or marketing.
 - Copy – obtain a copy of data held on you by a company.
 - Know – know what information has been collected about you.
 - Edit – correct inaccuracies in collected information about you.
 - Delete – delete personal and sensitive information collected about you.
 - Question – inquire about collection and profiling practices that can affect you.
- Enforced by the State Attorney General's Office.

Application of MN Laws

MGDPA and ALPR Statute

- Public agencies: government, police departments, sheriff's offices, inter-agency or state-wide forces.
- When government agencies are controllers of the data.
- **In most Flock applications, these apply.**

MCDPA

- Private companies with certain exemptions (small businesses, some banks, etc.)
- When private companies are controllers of the data.
- **In Most Flock applications, these *do not* apply.**

Action Items

- Sign the SLP City Council Petition -- paper copy or online.
- Play the ALPR Scavenger Hunt and win fame, fortune, and glory.
 - We'll figure out specifics, but we'll try to come up with some exclusive goodies.
 - Pick up a list before you go!
- Get your stickers, flyers, and zines.
- Write an email to your city council. Do it now, before you forget. We'll help!

Discussion

Starters:

- Any questions from the previous content about Flock and ALPR generally, laws, local use?
- If not an SLP resident, what is the lay of the land in your city?
- What are the attitudes toward Flock you've observed?
- What conversations have you had with friends, neighbors, or your representatives?
- What do you consider to be other forms of invasive surveillance?
- What other data/privacy issues are you concerned with?

Goodbye and Thank You!

Before you go:

- ☐ Sign up for the Progress in the Park Newsletter.
- ☐ Connect with us on Signal.
- ☐ Sign the petition.
- ☐ Contact your city council reps (or make plans to).
- ☐ Take a scavenger hunt list and some flyers, stickers, and zines.