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TO: Chief Lawrence Weathers Chief of Police	SUBJECT: Quarterly Flock Audit April - June 2024
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An audit of the department ALPR system, FLOCK, was conducted on Thursday July 11th, 2024 in accordance with General Order 2022-01, License Plate Readers.

As of June 31, 2024, 100 ALPR cameras are being managed by the Lexington Police Department.

A review of the monthly usage produced the below data:

April 2024
    213 Users conducted a Search in the System
    7598 Total searches were conducted and all listed a reason for the search
    879 Unique search reasons

May 2024
    187 Users conducted a search in the system
    8806 Total searches were conducted and all listed a reason for the search
    1037 Unique search reasons

June 2024
    187 Users conducted a search in the system
    5028 Total searches were conducted and all listed a reason for the search
    889 Unique search reasons

Total Searches vs. Unique Search Reason

Total Searches account for each individual search submitted by a user in the ALPR system. Unique searches is an evaluation of total searches narrowed into a specific reason/category/case number. For example the ALPR system may be searched multiple times throughout a shift or duration of an investigation by one or more Officer(s)/Detective(s) as they are attempting to locate a specific vehicle. The ALPR system tracks each individual user's searches which can be identified uniquely to a specific case number or investigative reason and thus accounts for all users searching the same vehicle. This accounts for the difference in total searches vs unique searches in the ALPR system.

A review was conducted of License Plates searched in the system and the number of times the plate was searched. If a search was conducted on a specific plate by a single user more than 10 times, further review was conducted including the reason for the search and the dates the search was conducted. During the review, it is was determined that searches on a single plate multiple times were being conducted for ongoing investigations.

The license plates run in the three month period were compared over time. Of the unique plates run, 86 were run in multiple months. A review of those plates was further investigated. A breakdown of the type of crime being investigated and the number of unique plates associated is listed below.

Crime Investigated	License Plates Searched Multiple Months
Assault Suspect	10
Burglary	1
Domestic Violence	2
Fraud	6
Hit and Run	1
Homicide	4
Narcotic Investigation	13
Robbery	5
Sexual Offense	4
Stolen Vehicle	28
Theft	5
Traffic Stop Fled	3
Warrants	4

A review of the 2805 unique search reasons for this quarter indicated that all provide sufficient detail in the search field of their submission. No reports of misuse have been received in regards to the ALPR system. This audit further determined that all of these searches were for legitimate Law Enforcement purposes.

Quarterly Statistics

	Last Quarter
Total value of recovered vehicles:	$294,900.00
Total of Success Stories reported:	34
Stolen Vehicles recovered:	21
Stolen Plates recovered:	0
Investigative leads:	7
Warrants/Subpoenas Served:	10
Missing Persons Recovered:	0
Guns Seized:	8
# of Charges:	93
# of Persons Charged:	43

Hot List Entries

The Flock ALPR system provides the ability to create "Hot List" entries, which would allow users to create an individual list of vehicles they are searching for in the system. During the implementation phase of Flock in 2022, the executive decision was made for increased oversight and we restricted "Hot List" entry creations to the Intelligence Unit only, thus not allowing individual officers to create "hot lists" on their own. All "Hot List" entries require a submission authorization to the Intelligence Unit which is vetted through two layers of supervision. If a Hot List request is determined to meet department policy/standards, the entry is created for a maximum of 7 days before it is automatically deleted. This allows for improved management of the system and additional supervisory review. This process is audited both by the LPR administrator and independently by the Public Integrity Unit.

A review of the "Hot List" Entries during this audit shows only current active investigations are entered into an active "Hot List" and no stale data is remains in the system.

Other agencies have the ability to share their Flock "Hot List" with the Lexington PD. During the implementation phase of Flock in 2022, the decision was made to not accept "Hot list" alerts from other agencies. This decision was based on not knowing the standards of use from other agencies and if their standards would meet ours. Should a "Hot List" alert warrant dissemination, those alerts would come from NCIC.