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<p>TO: Chief Lawrence Weathers Chief of Police</p>	<p>SUBJECT: Quarterly Flock Audit July - September 2024</p>
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An audit of the department ALPR system, FLOCK, was conducted on Thursday October 3rd, 2024 in accordance with General Order 2022-01, License Plate Readers.

As of September 30, 2024, 125 ALPR cameras are being managed by the Lexington Police Department. During the month of September, FLOCK installed 25 new cameras approved in the FY25 budget. The license plate reader transparency webpage was updated with the new locations for public viewing.

A review of the monthly usage produced the below data:

July 2024

206 Users conducted a Search in the System
8056 Total searches were conducted and all listed a reason for the search
1095 Unique search reasons

August 2024

202 Users conducted a search in the system
8015 Total searches were conducted and all listed a reason for the search
1124 Unique search reasons

September 2024

185 Users conducted a search in the system
7228 Total searches were conducted and all listed a reason for the search
925 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 are 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 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 was determined that searches on a single plate multiple times were being conducted for ongoing investigations, involved in multiple crimes over the reporting period or multiple Officers were investigating the vehicle for the same incident.

A review of the 3144 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:	\$258,000
Total of Success Stories reported:	34
Stolen Vehicles recovered:	16
Stolen Plates recovered:	0
Investigative leads:	5
Warrants/Subpoenas Served:	34
Missing Persons Recovered:	1
Guns Seized:	13
# of Charges:	85
# of Persons Charged:	42

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 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 other Department “Hot List” from showing alerts due to Lexington Officers having no knowledge of the case. Should the subject be wanted statewide or the vehicle be reported stolen, the alert would come from NCIC and would not require a “Hot List”.