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Fwd: Flock Camera Informational Bulletin

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From: **Ryan O'Malley** <romalley@cityofmalden.org>
Date: Tue, Aug 18, 2026 at 10:33 AM
Subject: Fwd: Flock Camera Informational Bulletin
To: maldenomalley@gmail.com <maldenomalley@gmail.com>

From: Marc Gatcomb <MGatcomb@maldenpd.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2026 10:25 AM
To: Ryan O'Malley <romalley@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>; Stephen Winslow <swinslow@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>
Subject: RE: Flock Camera Informational Bulletin

Good Morning,

There are links to the privacy policy and terms and conditions in the below email thread. The hyperlink should take you directly there. Let me know if you need anything else

Thanks

Marc

Captain Marc Gatcomb
Detective Commander
Malden Police Department
800 Eastern Ave, Malden MA

From: Ryan O'Malley [mailto:romalley@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG]
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 11:29 AM
To: Stephen Winslow <swinslow@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>; Marc Gatcomb <MGatcomb@maldenpd.com>
Subject: Re: Flock Camera Informational Bulletin

Hi Marc,

Thanks for sharing the below. When you have a chance please send over the actual contract with Flock so that I can read the terms and privacy policy.

Thank you,
Ryan

From: Marc Gatcomb <MGatcomb@maldenpd.com>
Sent: Thursday, 09 April 2026 22:01:33
To: Ryan O'Malley <romalley@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>; Stephen Winslow <swinslow@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>
Subject: Fw: Flock Camera Informational Bulletin

See email below for Flock information. Let me know if you need anything else.
Thanks
Marc Gatcomb

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From: Steven Mulcahy <SMulcahy@maldenpd.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2026 7:17 PM
To: Marc Gatcomb <MGatcomb@maldenpd.com>
Subject: Re: Flock Camera Informational Bulletin

Good evening Captain,

Per your request, I have reattached the Flock Safety documentation (Chiefs letter) and included direct links below for dissemination to City Council / staff / admin as needed.

Links to Flock Documents:

Terms and Conditions

[Terms and Conditions](#)
flocksafety.com

Privacy Policy

[Privacy Policy](#)
flocksafety.com

License Plate Reader (LPR) Policy

[License Plate Reader Policy](#)
flocksafety.com

Flock Evidence Policy

[Flock Evidence Policy](#)
flocksafety.com

For your awareness, I have also attached these documents to this email for ease of reference. These materials outline Flock Safety's policies regarding data collection, retention, access, and evidentiary use.

Malden PD – Flock System Overview & Safeguards

What the system is:

- Fixed roadway cameras capturing a single point-in-time image of the rear of vehicles traveling on public roadways
- Captures license plate data and basic vehicle descriptors (color, type, etc.)

What the system is NOT:

- Not GPS tracking
- Not facial recognition
- Not a database of personal identity (names, addresses, etc.)
- Not continuous or real-time tracking across locations

Privacy, Retention & Access Controls

- Data is retained for a limited period and automatically deleted per policy(30 days)
- Access is restricted to authorized and trained personnel only
- All system usage is logged and auditable (audit logs)
- Use is governed by departmental policy and supervisory oversight

Data Sharing & Ownership

- Data is owned by the Malden Police Department
- Sharing is optional and controlled locally
- MPD currently limits sharing to Massachusetts law enforcement agencies only
- No federal “back-door” access; MPD does not grant access to federal agencies through the system
- Flock states it does not sell customer data and does not maintain a centralized national database
- Per Flock: “We do not share customer information without the customer’s explicit permission.”

Participating Massachusetts Agencies

There are currently 87+ Massachusetts law enforcement agencies utilizing Flock systems, along with Essex County Sheriff's Office and Hampden County Sheriff's Office.

Purpose / Investigative Value

- Assists with timely investigative leads
- Common uses include:
 - Stolen vehicles
 - Violent crime investigations
 - Missing persons / AMBER-style alerts
 - Vehicle-based suspect identification
- just to name a few examples .

Community / Council Engagement

I have been in contact with our Flock representative, Nick Libutti (Account Executive), who advised that their external affairs team is available to meet directly with City Council or staff to answer any questions or provide additional clarification if requested.

Please let me know if you would like to coordinate directly with Flock for a meeting.

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