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MEMORANDUM

TO: Deputy Chief Michael Boba #2
FROM: Sergeant P. Hoffmann #54
DATE: 04/29/2026
SUBJECT: **Flock Safety Audit (January 2026 – April 2026)**

Per Lexipol Policy 436 (Automated License Plate Readers AKA ALPR), I performed a random audit of 3 searches in the Flock system from January 1st, 2026 – April 1st, 2026.

- On January 27th, 2026 at 1627 hours, K9 Officer Bloomberg #144 conducted a search of license plate “ET86130” under reason “Obstructing the Police (Fleeing/Eluding). The case number entered was “25-37983”. I looked up the case number in CAD and was able to determine that K9 Officer Bloomberg’s Flock inquiry was compliant with policy.
- On February 22nd, 2026 at 1913 hours, Officer Roman #118 conducted a search of a license plate “EV3621” under reason “Hit and Run/Car Accident”. The case number entered was “2026-05961”. A search for the plate number in CAD, confirmed the plate number to be associated with the corresponding case number. Officer Roman’s Flock inquiry was compliant with policy.
- On March 3rd, 2026 at 0902 hours Officer Olague #145 conducted a search of license plate “EF72336” under reason “Motor Vehicle Theft/Stolen Vehicle”. A plate search on CAD attached the plate number to Case Number “2026-07068” which was assigned as a “Assist Other Agency” call for service. The case notes indicate that there was a stolen motor vehicle that had been driving in the area under the identified plate number. Officer Olague’s Flock inquiry was compliant with policy.

A review of the policies for data sharing with other agencies was conducted. At the time of this memorandum, the Niles Police Department does not share data with any agency outside of the state of Illinois and we do not share data with any federal agencies.

From a cyber-security standpoint, all users on Flock are mandated to have multi-factor authentication. The second factor is either a department-issued cell phone number or government email address.

To ensure compliance with Immigration and Reproductive Privacy laws, every time a user logs into the system, a warning populates on the screen that advises user compliance with security and Illinois law governing ALPR use. The user must accept those terms before utilizing the ALPR system.

At this time, I do not believe our ALPR system is being used inappropriately and is being used for its stated purpose.