



# The City of *Saline*

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## Memorandum

**From:** Police Chief Radzik

**Date:** November 10, 2025

**Subject:** Traffic Cameras

**Background Brief:** The Saline Police Department is seeking to enhance its proactive tools to support officers in effective community policing. An additional technology the department currently doesn't leverage is the use of automatic license plate readers (ALPR) or cameras to aid in providing real-time information on vehicle locations and traffic analytics. There are several products on the market, but FLOCK was selected for its platform features and extensive existing camera network.

What is a FLOCK camera system? FLOCK is not an acronym; it refers to cameras manufactured by the company "Flock Safety." This system is designed to capture license plates and other vehicle characteristics, providing law enforcement with actionable evidence to aid investigations and help solve crimes.

Once installed along public roadways, cameras will record images of all passing vehicles, focusing on the rear of the car to record the license plate number, make, model, and color. This data is sent to Flock Safety's cloud-based servers for processing and storage. The system utilizes AI to create a 'vehicle fingerprint' enabling users to search for vehicles even without a license plate number. Officers can search the database to find vehicles associated with active warrants, missing people, or stolen vehicles and equipment by using specific criteria. Footage is stored for a period of thirty days before being automatically deleted from the system. This system provides a traceable path of a vehicle's movement, helping police identify suspects and solve crimes more effectively. The focus of this system is to detect and identify vehicles and license plates, not to recognize individuals

and does not have facial recognition capability.

Some examples of crimes solved using Flock cameras.

- **Missing persons**
- **Vehicle-related crimes – stolen vehicles**
- **Major crime rings**
- **Property crimes**
- **Hit and run incidents**

**May deter crime** – Some argue that the visible presence of automated license plate readers (ALPRs) can deter criminals, resulting in a reduction in both violent and property crimes.

#### **SAFEGUARDS used to limit the misuse of ALPR data**

Currently, no state or federal law governs the use of ALPRs. Therefore, it is our intention at the Saline Police Department to develop and implement a policy aimed at preventing misuse of the department's resources. This is to include, but not limited to:

**Access controls:** This will restrict access to ALPR data to authorized and properly trained personnel only.

**Authorized use cases:** SPD will define specific and legitimate law enforcement purposes for which ALPR data can be accessed.

**Auditing:** Audits are used to review who accessed data, when, and for what purpose.

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### **Traffic Analytics**

The cameras, along with real-time plate recognition, offer 24/7 traffic counting, vehicle class, and speed data. They also gather vehicle volume information to aid in assigned directed patrols.

### **Park cameras and adding cameras**

According to the current proposal, a single pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ) camera is proposed for the downtown area. This camera will not be used to track license plates but will monitor traffic and vehicle counts.

### **Contract Terms**

The proposed contract is for one year to evaluate the program's effectiveness and ensure it meets the department's needs.

**Economic Impact:** \$24,000 = for a total of six cameras.

**Budget Line Items:** 101-301-804-004

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

[ALPR - SPD \(draft\) Policy.pdf](#)  
[Saline PD Flock Agreement.pdf](#)  
[MSA - MI - Saline PD .pdf](#)

Automatic License Plate Readers Presentation.pptx  
Flock informational - final.pdf