



Denver Flock surveillance update - seeking feedback

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Hello,

For those of you deeper in the weeds with Flock technology, we wanted to share our notes from CM Parady's meeting with the Flock CEO, FYI.

Parady - Flock CEO meeting 7/29/25

- Flock:
 - Garret Langley, CEO
 - Kameron, govt affairs
 - Holly, comms
- Lobbyists: Fabby and Chrissy
- Megan, Sarah

Notes:

- Status of Denver contract:
 - He does not know when Denver last paid them, said cities are very slow with payment and they get that
 - Will not take cameras down even if no recent payment if they get the sense that the city still wants them
 - Contract extension till October – likely due to city budget cycle
 - Said Denver has 109 cameras installed, 4 have been in permitting, 4 recently released from permitting and can be installed (are those the ones we saw with the ECNA email?)
 - Gap in the contract - sarah said Scary bc we don't have legislation governing this
 - Risk on both sides there
 - The delay was the city, he said flock moves quickly
- Their Denver contacts
 - Herrera, jimenez, commander barnes RTCC,
 - Never met the mayor
 - Mike - "I liked his podcast" "I like his point of view"
- He has private security detail, because some people don't like what they do
 - Small amount of vandalism to cameras, not notable
- Is it possible to turn the cameras off?
 - Would need to deactivate the cell phone line. They manage all cell plans, its their carrier relationship
 - Only 1 case in the last 7 years where they actually uninstalled cameras in a city (east Cleveland?)
- He has private security detail, because some people don't like what they do
 - Small amount of vandalism to cameras
- Sarah asked cam for audit logs - we have had trouble getting them from DPD. Who is the customer and why don't they send the audit logs?
 - Garret said they don't have access to them - creates risk and exposure for business
 - Everything is in control and legal ownership of DPD not flock
 - There are 3 broad users: financial, administrator (they provision users in system, set up rules and roles),
 - Admin can go in and download audit log - easy tab where you click
- If someone is searching national network, what results do they get?
 - You have to have full license plate,
 - Shows more on a regular search, to help you find license plate.
- What does software recognize?
 - Everything,
 - But you can only search for things that are constitutionally legal
 - Moderation policy that provides two "speed bumps approaching a stop sign", to alert the searcher that this may be legally dubious, (these are just warning messages, not a real barrier)
 - Cant search for people/faces
 - Its all AI
 - Search is done, flagged for administrator

- Detects the state of the license plate, better results, less false positives
- Do administrators get flagged for searches done that access their cameras?
 - What else proactively notified about?
 - Nothing
 - Long answer - he doesn't want to police the police
 - Could build surveillance software for that - in development, might not launch
 - When there is state legislation, its very simple – CA SB34 - so flock reminds people they cant use flock for immigration, don't let them search when they type "ICE"
- Flock is 90+% of the market
 - Efficacy - analog computer chip, quality of results was bad. More false positives
 - Largest network, so best data set to develop better features
- Started using AI
 - From the beginning, wasn't called that originally, just computer vision
 - End of 2017, built 2 in his neighborhood - first version
 - Started flock bc his car was stolen
 - First focused on neighborhoods
 - Then govt wanted it
- Flock products
 - They sell cameras that track cars, and some that track people – “pan tilt zoom” (PTZ)
 - 360 cameras - different than HALO here, we buy from them
 - Many cities use PTZs in parks
 - They do drones - 3 kinds in america - we are in pilot phase with denver
 - Drones have thermal
 - Drones used for fire also
 - They sell trailers, big trailers flashing lights, mostly to private sector
 - And they sell software - run their software on existing cameras (for cities that already have other aLPR cameras)
 - Drones can do pursuit, can fly 60mph for an hour, live video feed streamed to officers,
 - 911 response times - 30-40% of service calls never should have sent a human. Drones can follow people - operated by person
 - Integrate 911, CAD, LPR, gunshot detection, then human pilot launches drone, FAA reqs human launches
 - No audio
 - 3.5 mile radius from where it can fly
 - FAA also requires radar deployed
 - When drone flies, the camera looks at the horizon, not down. Not trying to create unintended surveillance
 - Auditing is even more severe in drones
- Hot lists and NCIC
 - Who does it alert for - there are state and federal hot lists, NCIC managed by FBI, they run that hot list
 - Every state, then have to get from CBI from state system, 12-24 hour delay on updating the hot list
 - Then there are local hot lists which are fully custom
 - NCIC has sex offenders, felony warrants, stolen license plates and stolen cars,
 - You can choose what to subscribe to. Indianapolis doesn't subscribe to NCIC
 - You can toggle on and off for each camera - like cameras at parks and schools, sex offenders
 - Usually you only do your own cameras custom hot list for
 - All we see in flock is "warrant" - no idea what the warrant is for. Have to go into separate system (records management system) to verify why and for what
 - FBI not involved at all, doesn't get alerted for camera pings
 - NCIC adding immigration violations -
 - "I know very little about the federal government" - garret
- Private cameras
 - Whoever pays for camera has control of the data
 - Can share with local PD and sheriff
 - Home depot customer in denver, choose to share with DPD
 - How to know how many cameras in denver share up to DPD? (we asked them to follow up with info)
 - DPD would lose access to private cameras unless they had software only version of Flock
- Sarah brought up SB276 and license plates as PII in CO
 - Plates defined as PII, law was expanded to say municipalities have obligation not to share with ICE (sarah explaining) – does not seem like they are aware of license plates as PII in CO
 - "we believe law and order should exist"
 - He wants LPR legislation in all 50 states today - they have a model act they prefer, can send
 - They do think its their responsibility to help customers follow the law

- Legislative landscape - CA furthest ahead, IL second place. Worked with the AG on that. CO next in line with VA. Comparable policies on data sharing stuff
- CO is only state defining license plate as PII
- Said federal court has tested it out that its not PII
- CO - now blocks certain searches when people type "ICE", "deportation", etc (they created this feature in the last two months after the news broke about ICE searches)
 - Keyword blocker is optional thing agencies can turn on
- Loveland PD ATF thing
 - "we are a fast growing company", lots of problem to fix themselves, don't actively reach out to customers
 - Kam does media training for chiefs, who notoriously get the tech wrong
 - "DPD said a bunch of stuff that was wrong"

Thank you,



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Hello Flock Off coalition,

Here with some concerning high-level updates. TL;dr – DPD released their audit logs that prove Denver data was searched for ICE. DPD has extended their (previously expired) contract with Flock for all cameras citywide just under the threshold for city council approval, in a wildly undemocratic move that allows them to increase and extend their Flock contract. Additional Flock cameras are set to be installed around the city imminently.

- 1. Denver Police Dept released Flock audit logs that show over 1,400 searches done on the Denver Flock cameras for ICE/immigration since June 2024.**
 - Though heavily redacted and incomplete, these audit logs provide explicit proof of our worst fears: that Denver Flock camera data was accessed for ICE many times over the last year. This also confirms that DPD and the mayor's office know that this has happened.
 - These 1,400 searches were **not** all specifically targetting Denver, but instead were able to access Denver camera data because they had open access either through the national network, which Denver shared on until mid-April, or because Denver still shares openly with all CO agencies. That means if any of the officers in these searches had typed in a license plate that had been read by a Denver camera in that timeframe, the searcher would have been able to see when and where the person was in our city. Obviously, searches

by agencies physically closer to Denver are more likely to have possibly returned location data for those vehicles.

- Most of the ICE/immigration searches were done by agencies in Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, Tennessee, Missouri, Florida, Texas, Oklahoma, South Carolina, etc. Quite a few also done by “deactivated users” whom we cannot see.
 - The logs show 26 searches done by Loveland CO PD for ICE and two by Windsor CO PD for ICE as well, all occurring in April 2025. (DPD continues to share all Denver data with these agencies).
 - Excel doc attached with all the search results for ICE/immigration/ero from their audit logs.
 - 9NEWS reported on this, as they also got the audit log from a CORA request: [Denver releases audit on license plate camera system data - YouTube \(7/26\)](#)
2. **DPD signed a contract extension with Flock on 7/7 for 114 ALPR cameras citywide through October 30, 2025. The maximum payment obligation for this contract is \$498,500, just barely under the threshold of \$500k that requires council approval.**
 3. **We just found out that four additional Flock cameras are set to be installed in various locations across the city. DPD and Flock filed the permit application for these on July 8th, 2025. It is not yet clear if these cameras are growing the Denver Flock infrastructure beyond the 112 cameras we have previously been made aware of by DPD.** The project drawings for those proposed encroachments are attached with further detail about camera locations. These are under review and need to be approved by the relevant neighborhood entities.
 4. Both CM Parady and CW Gonzales-Gutierrez met with the Flock CEO this week. Their team did not seem to know that CO defines license plates as PII. The CEO has never met with the mayor. He also acknowledged that DPD made several incorrect statements about how Flock works.
 5. **In a [9NEWS interview released 7/21 after our Flock press conference](#), the Mayor reaffirmed his commitment to keeping the cameras up.** Mayor says he is 100% confident we can keep ICE out. And that we have made changes that do that by limiting access to people in state, and that searches have to put the exact criminal charge they are looking for, and that Denver will prosecute people if they lie on that.
 6. [9NEWS interview released 7/30](#) where the Flock CEO responds to Denver fears and ICE sharing. Says they would consider a contract with ICE in the future.

We welcome your thoughts about how to move forward.

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