

Flock Safety Add 9 Additional Cameras

1. Why the item is necessary:

Provide a concise explanation of the issue or opportunity the item addresses and why it is essential to act.

There are currently a total of 24 Falcon License Plate Readers (LPR) positioned throughout the city. Several entry and exit points of the city do not currently have Falcon LPR coverage. These nine additional LPRs can cover the major entry and exit points in the city. This request is to add nine additional cameras.

2. How the item benefits the City:

Summarize the positive outcomes or improvements the item will bring to City operations, services, or long-term strategic goals.

Flock Safety is the only LPR provider to officially partner with Axon to be natively and directly integrated to be fully integrated into a dynamic network of Axon's Fleet 3 mobile LPR cameras for patrol cars and Flock Safety's Falcon cameras.

3. How it impacts residents:

Highlight the direct or indirect effects on the community, focusing on how residents will experience changes or improvements.

Flock Safety's License Plate Readers can have a positive impact within our community. The system will allow officers to respond quickly to violent gun crimes. The system will allow officers to canvass areas where shootings occurred for victims, suspects and crucial evidence. With the Flock LPR camera Systems deployed within our communities, officers will be able to serve the community more effectively.

4. Statutory requirements or Code provisions involved:

Please note any legal mandates, compliance requirements, or policy guidelines that require this item.

Nothing at this time.

5. Why the item is critical or time-sensitive:

Provide reasoning for the urgency, including deadlines, funding opportunities, or alignment with strategic priorities.

In 2021, there were 142 calls reporting shots fired in our city. As of August 2022, there have been a total of 72 reports of shots fired in our city, with one resulting in homicide, more than ten resulting in injuries to victims, and dozens resulting in damage to homes and vehicles. Statistical data reveals that on average, 80% of gunfire goes unreported to 9-1-1. The purchase of a Flock Safety – License Plate Reader and Gunshot Detection System will assist officers in combating violent gun crimes by allowing for gunshots to be detected and for officers to proactively respond. The system will also allow officers to further excel by identifying vehicles involved in violent crimes. Vehicles are commonly used in a multitude of violent crimes, including shots fired, drive-by shootings, aggravated assaults, domestic violence, kidnappings, and illegal drug activity.