

Automated License Plate
Reader (ALPR) Discussion with
the Flagstaff City Council for
the Flagstaff Police
Department
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City of Flagstaff ALPR Discussion

The Flagstaff Police Department's Commitment:

- Our Mission is to protect and preserve life, property, and public order through Elite Service.
- We are committed to leveraging the usage of modern technology to best serve our community and victims of crime.
- We also are cognizant and respect the community's right to privacy.



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History of Flagstaff Police Department ALPR Program:

- Brought first Flock contract to Council on June 18, 2024 which as approved by Budget Team and Council.
- Requested and received permits with City and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).
- Flock cameras went live in the Fall of 2024.
- Community member shared comments with Council in a March 2025 meeting, and PD responded to Mayor and Council follow up questions.
- Arizona Daily Sun did an article on ALPR technology which ran on July 30, 2025.



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Information about ALPR Technology:

They are fixed solar cameras that use cellular technology.





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Case Examples that Highlighted the need for ALPRs:

- 1400 N Fourth St fatal hit and run collision in 2011. Our victim was 17-year-old Jennifer Bekay.
- 2023 sexual assault at Park and E Route 66
- June 2024 murder of Kelly Paduchowski



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What is an ALPR?

- ALPRs take still images of license plates and rear of vehicles as they pass a fixed location where the ALPR is located. No personal identifying information is captured.
- This data is owned by Flagstaff PD and is stored for 30 days only
- ALPR technology notifies FPD officers of stolen vehicle, missing and wanted persons, protection orders, terrorist-related activity, Amber Alert, Blue Alert, and Silver Alerts.
- An officer can query the ALPR system after they input an auditable criminal justice purpose.
- An officer can create a hot list after receiving supervisor approval. This allows the officer to be alerted if a vehicle of interest in criminal activity is scanned in Flagstaff. An example would be a vehicle involved in a crime.
- 7 out of 10 crimes in America involve a vehicle (IACP)



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Competitors on the Market:

- Flock Safety
 - Company started in 2017, first law enforcement contract in 2019
 - Helped recover over 1000 missing persons
 - 30-day storage
 - Audit Log
- Motorola Vigilant
- Axon International



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Our Policy:

- All officers must attend an in-house training on the usage of Flock Operating System (FlockOS)
 - They also must pass exams on alert and search tool certifications.
- All officers must go over our policy with our legal advisor in the training.
- If an officer receives an alert hit in the field, they must confirm the plate and the information prior to enforcement.
- An officer must get supervisor approval prior to creation of a hot list.



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Quality Control and Auditing:

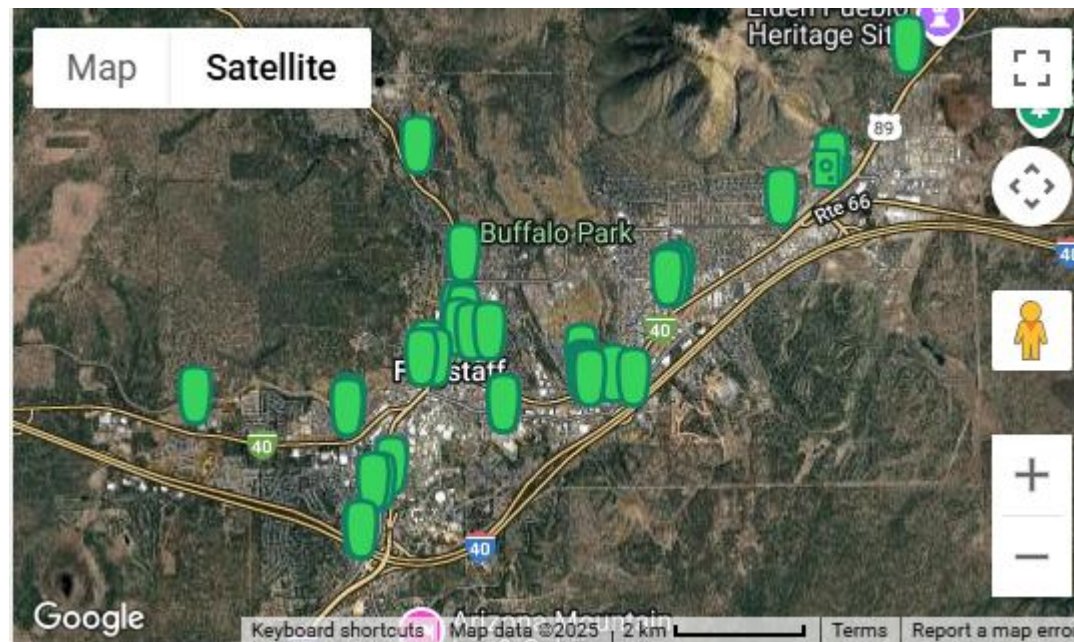
- We have an ALPR administrator who oversees the program (DC Seay, LT Darr)
- We have an in-house trainer who teaches the program and goes over the policy with legal (Ofc. Condon).
- The Office of Professional Standards conducts monthly audits of inquiries and hot lists to ensure the system is used correctly.
- All hot list entries must be approved by a supervisor, have an expiration date, and are routinely audited.



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Our Flock camera deployment

- FPD currently has 32 fixed ALPR cameras and 4 battery operated flex cameras. They are deployed on major thoroughfares and locations of ingress and egress in the city.





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Agency Data Sharing:

- We previously shared our ALPR data with 146 police agencies around the United States.
- We recently reduced this to only 50 Arizona agencies only.
- When an officer queries the system, it may show a scan in an out of state jurisdiction. The officer/investigator would have to contact the agency for further information about the vehicle.
- We do not share scans with federal police agencies. Requests can be made on a case-by-case basis and are not used for immigration cases.



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Victim Success Stories:

- A murder case suspect was located, apprehended, and taken into custody
- Identified the vehicle involved in a drive by shooting and cleared an innocent person who was initially indicated as the shooter
- Located the vehicle a murder suspect stole in Camp Verde entering Flagstaff



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Victim Success Stories Continued:

- Captured the vehicle that fatally struck a pedestrian at Route 66 and Fourth St
- Found a missing/suicidal person who said they were going to stand in front of train before she entered the tracks
- Identified a string of grand theft autos
- Obtained license plate on vehicle involved in theft of construction supplies
- Vehicle linked to numerous vehicle burglaries



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Contract Amendment:

- Amendment to fund ALPRs for fiscal year 2025-2026
- 32 Flock cameras and 1 Flock Falcon system
- \$112,000 in addition to other fees and taxes
- Funding allocation in fiscal year budget

Questions & Comments

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