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Proposal to utilize funds from Opioid Abatement in the amount of \$14,0000.00:

The Sheriff's Office has been in discussion with Flock Safety for several months concerning the possible purchase of License Plate Reader (LPR) Cameras for Franklin County.

There are currently over 4,000 cameras in operation in Illinois and over 90,000 in the US. Once an agency has entered into a purchase agreement that agency receives access to all camera systems operated by Flock Safety, nation wide. Although other Franklin County agencies would not have direct access to the system, it is the intention of the Sheriff's Office to work in collaboration to provide and share information that directly effects public safety issues within Franklin County municipalities.

The SIDTF has collaborated on the project and has committed to paying \$10,000 toward the initial cost of the camera systems. I have also had discussions with States Attorney Dinn who is familiar with the company and camera program. She is very supportive of the program and fully recognizes the value it provides in relation to public safety.

Area agencies already in use or in process:

Benton (5)
West City (5)
Marion
Mt. Vernon
Carbondale
Murphysboro
Vienna
Goreville

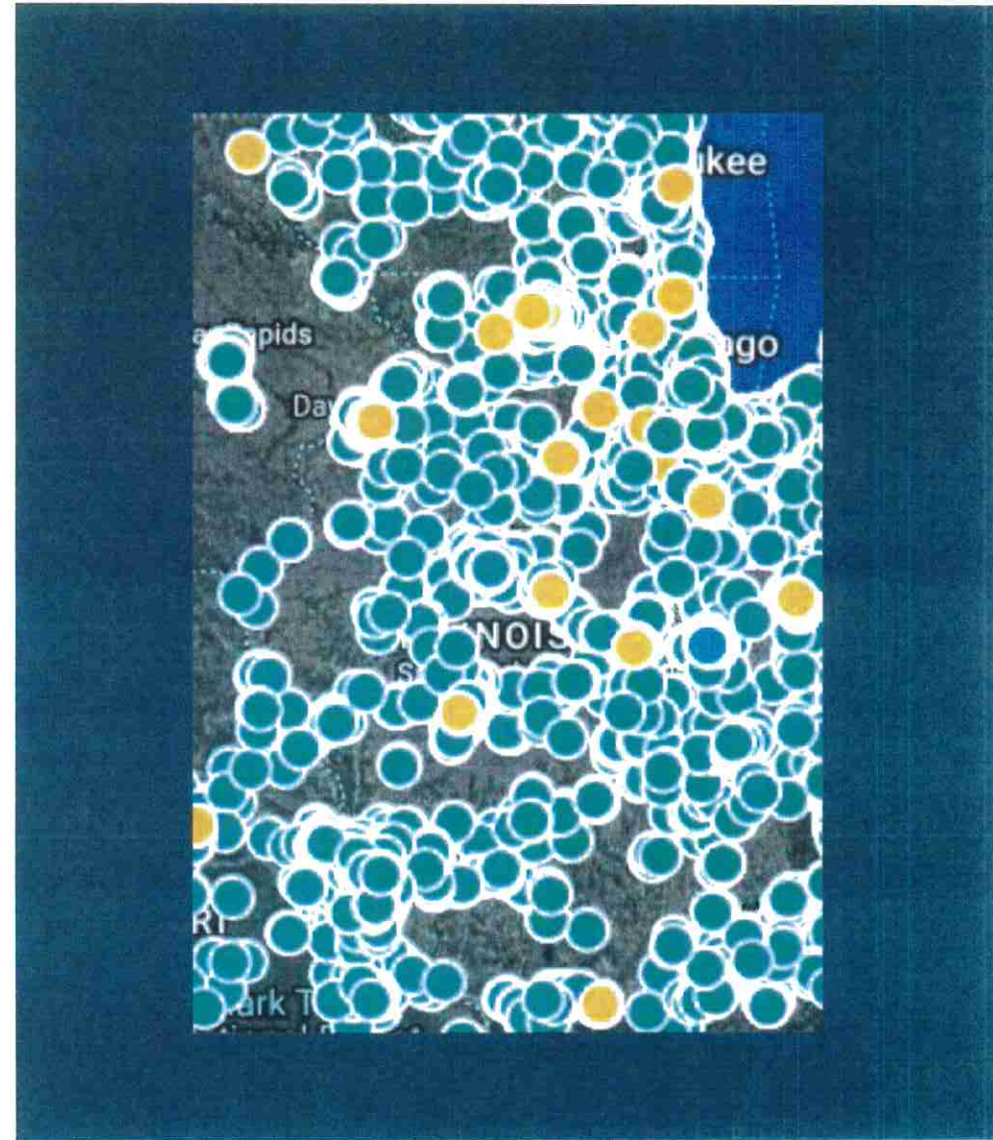
Williamson County
Saline County
Johnson County
Marion County
Jefferson County

Flock's Footprint Is Yours

The power of Flock expands far beyond one jurisdiction's bounds - our LPR network nationwide is 10X larger than the next closest competitor. Spanning Police, Public Works, Schools, HOA and Commercial businesses, all become a part of your footprint by joining Flock.

- Illinois → **4,000+ Falcons** *(and counting)*
- United States → **90,000+ Falcons** *(and counting)*

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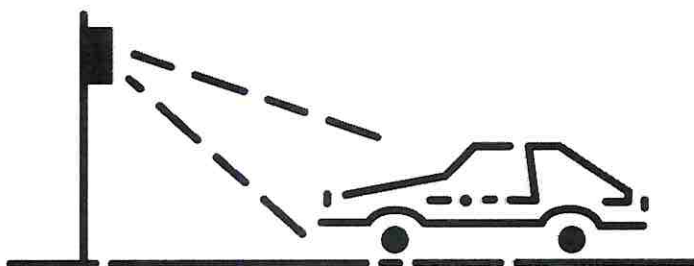




The Answer

Introducing Collaborative Policing Technology

A **force multiplier** enabling **agencies of all sizes** to solve significantly more crime and improve quality of life **without increasing staffing**



- ✓ Reduce overall crime
- ✓ Solve cases faster
- ✓ Maximize officer efficiency
- ✓ Improve officer & community safety

Our Understanding

Current State

(The challenges you are dealing with today)

- Rising cases of stolen vehicles and limited/no information available to solve
- Large, rural county with frequent thefts, burglaries, & drug trafficking cases that go unsolved
- Limited staff & resources - significant amount of \$ spent on officer overtime

Negative Consequences (of Doing Nothing)

(Negative consequences to the SO & community from above issues - what happens if you don't take action)

- Continued increase in stolen vehicles, thefts, burglaries etc
- Adverse effects on investigations - time, cost, & resources (overtime pay)
- Negative public perception of safety in Franklin County & confidence in law enforcement's ability to solve crime

Future State

(Outcomes you are looking to achieve as these challenges are addressed)

- Increased clearance rates & identifying known offenders entering the county
- Using SO resources more efficiently, less time trying to gather evidence & spent on overtime
- Reduction of overall crime due to presence of technology to apprehend recurring offenders & deter criminals from entering the county

Positive Outcomes (of Taking Action)

(The positive impacts & successes that will come out of solving these challenges)

- Proactive policing to reduce number of crimes & better pulse on who is entering the county due to Flock technology
- Increased clearance rates & resultantly increase in public perception of county safety
- Reducing SO overtime & increasing officer efficiency through the use of video evidence to clear crimes faster

Capabilities / Technology Requirements

LPR Cameras to capture vehicles entering the county

Connected to network of devices across the county to monitor additional areas / patterns

Alerts for dispatch and patrol to know what is going on before they arrive



LPR Cameras

AI & Machine Learning

Vehicle Fingerprint

No plate? No problem. Pinpoint suspect vehicles using unique vehicle traits to save time.

Search and set up alerts using characteristics:

- ✓ Vehicle make
 - ✓ Body type
 - ✓ Color
 - ✓ Decals
 - ✓ Bumper stickers
 - ✓ Back racks
 - ✓ Top racks
 - ✓ Toolbox
- ✓ License plates
 - Temporary tags
 - State recognition

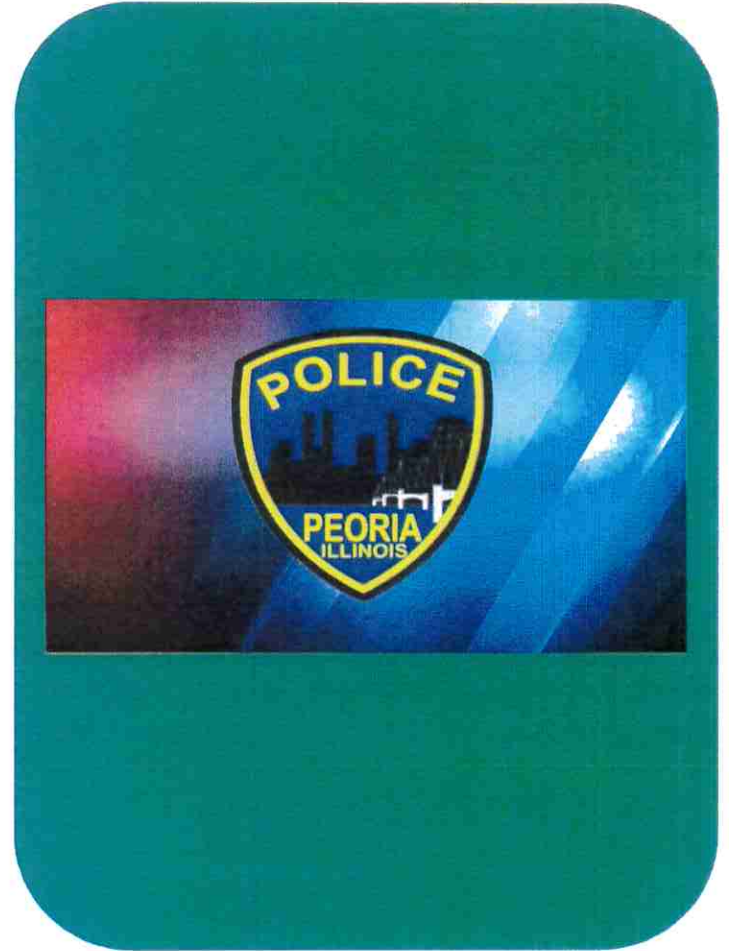


Hit-and-Run Suspect Identified With LPRs

 Peoria PD - Peoria, IL

- On April 14th, 2024, officers observed a vehicle traveling at high speeds which they did not pursue because of public safety concerns.
- Moments later they responded to reports of a hit-and-run and rushed a seriously injured victim to the hospital.
- Officers entered the vehicle's description into their Flock Safety LPRs and successfully identified a suspect vehicle that matched the description and had been detected in the area around the time of the crime.
- They responded to the registered owner's address, and after further investigation arrested the suspect.

[Source](#)



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Pedestrian Threatened with Handgun – Suspect Arrested

 Vernon Hills PD – Vernon Hills, IL

- On June 20th, 2023, officers responded to a local business following reports of an altercation.
- A pedestrian told officers that he yelled at a driver who was reversing towards him before the driver exited the vehicle, brandished a handgun, and threatened the pedestrian.
- Officers obtained a description of the suspect's vehicle and queried nearby Flock Safety LPRs for vehicles matching that description.
- They identified a suspect vehicle and located it a short time later, initiating a traffic stop.
- A search of the vehicle yielded a loaded firearm, and after further investigation the suspect was arrested on multiple charges.

[Source](#)



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Interjurisdictional Silver Alert

📍 Taylorville PD - Taylorville, IL

- Officers responded to a report about a missing and endangered senior citizen.
- Authorities entered the senior's vehicle's information into their Flock Safety LPRs and a short time later received an alert that the vehicle had been detected in nearby Morris, IL.
- Multiple agencies started searching for the vehicle, and **eventually the vehicle drove past a Flock Safety LPR in Pontiac, IL, alerting officers there.**
- Officers and State Troopers initiated a traffic stop and reunited the missing senior with his family.



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Missing Tennessee Child Located In Illinois

📍 Rantoul PD - Rantoul, IL

- **May 30, 2023** - Memphis, TN PD responded to a report of a parental abduction and a missing, endangered child.
- Officers entered the suspect vehicle's information into the NCIC.
- **May 31, 2023** - Rantoul, IL officers received an alert from their Flock Safety LPRs that a vehicle associated with a missing person was in the area.
- Officers initiated a traffic stop and found an adult female suspect with two children in the vehicle. The suspect was arrested and is charged with Felony Custodial Interference.



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