



DEPARTMENT NOTICE

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Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Technology: Flock Safety Camera Rollout

In September 2023, the San Francisco Police Department was awarded with California's Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) grant to combat organized retail theft. The grant provided funding to partner with Flock Safety to install a network of hundreds of ALPR cameras throughout the City and County of San Francisco.

Flock Safety ALPR

Flock ALPR cameras provide critical data to enhance community safety and assist law enforcement in investigations. Flock Safety cameras automatically read and record license plate numbers from passing vehicles.

Flock Safety ALPR cameras go beyond capturing license plates by allowing users to filter their search based on the vehicle's specific characteristics, including body type, make, color, and more. This is key in producing an investigative lead for law enforcement when a suspect vehicle has no visible license plates.

Rollout

Starting on March 19, 2024, Flock Safety began installing ALPR cameras in various strategic locations across San Francisco. This rollout is expected to take place over the next 90 days. Per [19B ALPR policy](#), the administration of the Flock ALPR system is the responsibility of the Investigations Bureau.

The department has identified a designated group of personnel who will be part of the first phase of the Flock Safety rollout.

The rollout will take place in multiple phases utilizing best practices and procedures identified by fellow law enforcement agencies that have installed Flock Safety's platform in their jurisdictions.

Training & Access

Prior to being granted access to the Flock Safety portal, members will be required to complete training. A training video will be uploaded to Power DMS. Members will be notified when training becomes available. After completing the required training and being onboarded, the member will receive a welcome to Flock email which will provide access to the platform. Please do not reach out to Flock Safety directly to inquire about access.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William Scott".

WILLIAM SCOTT
Chief of Police

Per DN 23-152, all sworn & non-sworn Members shall electronically acknowledge this Department document in PowerDMS within (30) thirty calendar days of issuance. Members whose duties are relevant to this document shall be held responsible for compliance. Any questions regarding this policy should be sent to sfpd.writtendirectives@sfgov.org, who will provide additional information.

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