



Police Department

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT RESPONSE

Dear: **MuckRock News- J. Ader**

We received your Freedom of Information Act request on **July 6th, 2023** requesting:

- Invoices, receipts, and/or requests for the purchase of an Flock Safety product/service
- MOUs from Flock Safety
- Brochures or product/service specifications regarding Flock Safety
- Privacy and/or data retention policies regarding Flock Safety product/services
- Any/all manuals regarding Flock Safety product/services
- Guidelines mentioning Flock Safety product/services
- Bulletins mentioning Flock Safety product/services
- Briefings mentioning Flock Safety product/services
- Use policies and standard operating procedures for Flock Safety product/services
- All emails sent (through this year) mentioning "Flock Safety" and/or "ALPR" (amended 07/10/2023 to exclude due to unduly burdensome)
- Any/all digitally disseminated publications from your agency mentioning Flock Safety product/services

Your request is granted in part and denied in part as follows:

All documentation that you requested that we have in our possession is granted but has been redacted for the following reasons:

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b) Private Information including Personal financial information defined as exempt unique identifiers.

Per 5 ILCS 140/7(1) (v) Security Plans pertaining to specific locations of Flock Safety Cameras in a memorandum provided. This section of the Act provides the following exemption: "Vulnerability assessments, security measures, and response policies or plans that are designed to identify, prevent, or respond to potential attacks upon a community's population or systems, facilities, or installations, the destruction or contamination of which would constitute a clear and present danger to the health or safety of the community, but only to the extent that disclosure could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the effectiveness of the measures or the safety of the personnel who implement them or the public. Information exempt under this item may include such things as details pertaining to the mobilization or deployment of personnel or equipment, to the operation of communication systems or protocols, or to tactical operations." The Vernon Hills Police Department's use of ALPR cameras and its technology is used in law enforcement investigations to detect and apprehend any

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individuals involved in attacks against the community, terroristic attacks, shootings, and other criminal activity. Disclosing the location of the ALPR's would reasonably be expected to jeopardize their effectiveness as well as constrain the aptitude of the Vernon Hills Police Department to continue to operate them in its response to potential attacks on its citizens, investigations, etc.

Per 5 ILCS 140/7(g) pertaining to proprietary financial information, this exemption states that "Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person or business where they trade secrets or commercial or financial information are privileged, or confidential, and that disclosure of the trade secrets or commercial or financial information would cause competitive harm to the person or business, and only insofar as the claim directly applies to the records requested."

Please also feel free to look into the link below to view our Transparency Portal for any additional information that is on there.

<https://transparency.flocksafety.com/vernon-hills-il-pd>

You have a right to have the denial of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

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If you have any follow up questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Thank you and sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kayla Van Der Westhuizen".

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