



GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office has embarked on a cooperative relationship with Flock Safety. Flock Safety manufactures, installs, and maintains license plate reading (LPR) technology for use by law enforcement agencies around the country. Once installed and operational, the LPRs are owned and operated by the agency that purchased them.

The LPRs are installed and utilized to capture photographs of vehicles and their registration plates as they pass by an installed device. As a vehicle passes by a device, a photograph of the rear of the vehicle is captured and transmitted to the agency that owns the camera. The images that are captured are then used in criminal and other relevant investigations. Most often, these investigations involve locating and recovering stolen vehicles, locating, and recovering missing and endangered individuals, or furthering criminal investigations by tracking suspect vehicles after they have passed by an LPR location. Only sworn members of the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office are authorized to use the Flock system and have individual accounts within the agency's profile for that purpose. Each search that takes place within the Flock system must include a reason for the search. This is required to enable proper tracking and auditing of the searches.

Flock Safety, as a company, does not sell or have access to the images or information that is taken by the LPRs. The images and information gathered are the property of the agency that owns the LPRs. The images and information gathered may be shared with other law enforcement agencies at the discretion of the owning agency operating the LPR. Any information obtained is only to be used for legitimate law enforcement purposes and is part of the policy of the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office.

By design, the Flock LPRs do not capture any images of a vehicle's interior or its occupants. Per federal law, there is no expectation of privacy in the exterior of a vehicle on a public roadway. The Flock design complies with this legal standard.

In accordance with the Michigan Department of Transportation ("MDOT") applicant requirements, Flock Group Inc. d/b/a Flock Safety ("Flock") as a license plate reader ("LPR") service provider to certain Michigan law enforcement agencies and duly responsible for LPR installation, represents and warrants the following: "LPR installation location meets clear zone, breakaway, and design standards in compliant with MDOT requirements."

Sincerely,

Chris Clark, Captain
Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office

