



City of

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Request #25-429

Open

As of August 5, 2025, 3:57pm

Request Visibility: Published

Details

Pursuant to RCW 42.56 the following records are requested related to the city's FLOCK camera system:

1. All contracts/agreements, etc. with companies related to the FLOCK system.
2. All manuals, training, or instructions related to FLOCK.
3. Records related to, and/or indicating city individuals with access to FLOCK.
4. Images and/or video from April 19, to May 12th 2025 from the FLOCK system.
5. All communications (emails, text, letters, etc) regarding the FLOCK system.
6. All PRA records requests regarding the FLOCK system and records responsive to those requests.

I reserve the right to visually inspect all records responsive to this request in person.

Thank you.

Received

May 12, 2025 via web

Due

August 8, 2025

Departments

Administrative Services -IT, Police

Additional Information

No additional information available

Requester

Phil Watson

philwatson2021@protonmail.com
10916 Davisson RD SW, Lakewood, WA 98499
253-459-5985
NONE

Requester email status list

Request opened

- **Sent** May 12, 2025, 3:09pm
- **Delivered** May 12, 2025, 3:09pm



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External message added

- **Sent** *May 16, 2025, 10:52am*
- **Delivered** *May 16, 2025, 10:53am*

External message added

- **Sent** *June 18, 2025, 10:23am*
- **Delivered** *June 18, 2025, 10:23am*

Document released

- **Sent** *July 14, 2025, 3:11pm*
- **Delivered** *July 14, 2025, 3:25pm*

External message added

- **Sent** *August 1, 2025, 8:57am*
- **Delivered** *August 1, 2025, 8:57am*

External message added

- **Sent** *August 4, 2025, 10:38am*
- **Delivered** *August 4, 2025, 10:38am*

Tags

[Preservation Hold](#)

Invoices

Documents

Public

Flock Users_May_14_2025.xlsx

Requester

(none)

Staff Only

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Staff

Point of Contact

mpennington@cityoflakewood.us



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Support

jatkins@cityoflakewood.us
msadri@cityoflakewood.us

Tasks

Timeline

Message to requester

Requester + Staff

Hello,

The message that our office sent to you was an update to let you know the results of the search we conducted related to bullet point #5 of your request. Our agency casts "wide net searches" when the requester does not include specific search terms. In this instance, we searched any and all with no date range specified using the search term "flock." With those search parameters, the results were over 34,000 potentially responsive records. The results include any and all that could include spam, copies of emails to multiple senders and recipients, etc.

We cannot assume what records you are wanting but we are informing you due to the high volume of potentially responsive email correspondence there is an option for you to provide a specific date range and any additional search terms which may assist with the search.

If you have a specific date range that you are interested in us searching for please provide that as well as any other search terms other than "flock"

If you have any questions, please contact us at 253-983-7801.

August 4, 2025, 10:38am by Melanie Pennington, Public Records & Legal Specialist (Staff)

Message from requester

Requester + Staff

Thank you. So just so we're clear, is this a request for clarification or just an update? The system has only been in use since last year, so that amount seems high. What's the subject matter of the emails? Are these just spam emails from the FLOCK system or what?

August 2, 2025, 5:52pm by the requester via email

Due Date Changed

Staff Only

08/08/2025 (was 08/01/2025).

August 1, 2025, 8:57am by Melanie Pennington

Message to requester

Requester + Staff

Good morning,

Regarding #5 bullet point of your request asking for "All communications (emails, text, letters, etc) regarding the FLOCK system."

A search for all communications including emails and text messages. Although there was no text messages there were over 34,000 potentially responsive email communications resulting from the search. If you would like to provide more search terms and a date range in an attempt to narrow the search results, please provide those and we can amend our search. Otherwise, we are currently reviewing the emails according to the Public Records Act and estimate the next installment to be **8/8/25**.



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We appreciate your consideration and patience. If you have any questions, please contact us at 253-983-7801.

August 1, 2025, 8:57am by Melanie Pennington, Public Records & Legal Specialist (Staff)

Due Date Changed

Staff Only

08/01/2025 (was 07/14/2025).

July 14, 2025, 3:11pm by Melanie Pennington

Document(s) Released

Public

Flock Users_May_14_2025.xlsx

July 14, 2025, 3:11pm by Melanie Pennington

Message to requester

Requester + Staff

Thank you for your public records request. The **First** installment has been released for your review containing responsive records to item #3 of your request. The City does not have any responsive records for item #4 of your request.

We expect to provide the next installment by **8/1/25**, and you will be notified when records are available.

We appreciate your consideration and patience. If you have any questions, please contact us at 253-983-7801.

July 14, 2025, 3:11pm by Melanie Pennington, Public Records & Legal Specialist (Staff)

Support Staff Removed

Staff Only

Jeff Alwine

July 11, 2025, 8:40am by Jeff Alwine

Document(s) Added

Staff Only

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June 20, 2025, 8:41am by Melanie Pennington

Note

Staff Only

Email from J.Alwine:

From: Jeff Alwine <jalwine@cityoflakewood.us>

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 9:23 AM

To: Melanie Pennington <MPennington@cityoflakewood.us>

Subject: FW: Overdue and Due Soon City of Lakewood records requests and tasks

Melanie,

There are no responsive records regarding the images and I do not have a downloaded spreadsheet that lists all staff with an account. As far as the contracts, you'd get that from the City Clerk.

June 20, 2025, 8:41am by Melanie Pennington, Public Records & Legal Specialist (Staff)

Due Date Changed

Staff Only

07/14/2025 (was 06/20/2025).

June 18, 2025, 10:23am by Melanie Pennington

Message to requester

Requester + Staff

Thank you for your public records request. The City of Lakewood is contacting you to update the estimated completion



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date of your request. We are making further inquiries regarding your request and need more time to do so. We expect to provide a response and records by **7/14/25** and you will be notified when records are available. We appreciate your consideration and patience. If you have any questions, please contact us at 253-983-7801.

June 18, 2025, 10:23am by Melanie Pennington, Public Records & Legal Specialist (Staff)

Support Staff Removed

Staff Only

Tim Borchardt

June 18, 2025, 10:00am by Tim Borchardt

Note

Staff Only

Svea checked our records, and we have no sign-in sheets for FLOCK training.

June 18, 2025, 10:00am by Tim Borchardt, Sergeant (Staff)

Internal Message

Staff Only

Tim,

Please have Svea check to see if there is any records of when I trained folks on Flock, when we first got it. I vaguely recall doing a short training in the turnout room for folks, but I don't recall if I had them fill out a sign-in roster. I know I did for Axon training.

June 18, 2025, 9:21am by Jeff Alwine, Captain (Staff)

Support Staff Added

Staff Only

Tim Borchardt

June 18, 2025, 9:21am by Jeff Alwine

Tags Added

Staff Only

Preservation Hold

June 13, 2025, 3:24pm by Melanie Pennington

Due Date Changed

Staff Only

06/20/2025 (was 05/19/2025).

May 16, 2025, 10:52am by Melanie Pennington

Message to requester

Requester + Staff

The City of Lakewood received a public records request from you on **5/12/25** and assigned it reference number **25-429** for tracking purposes.

Your request was forwarded to the relevant City departments to locate the records you seek and determine the volume and any costs associated with fulfilling your request. We have determined that we will need additional time to produce records and review possible exemptions under the Public Records Act.

We expect to provide a response and first installment by **6/20/25** and you will be notified when records are available. You can monitor the progress of your request online.

We appreciate your consideration and patience. If you have any questions, please contact us at 253-983-7801.

May 16, 2025, 10:52am by Melanie Pennington, Public Records & Legal Specialist (Staff)

Note Updated

Staff Only

Spoke with Alwine regarding volume of request/images/cost. **Data requested is approx. 1 terabyte of info. Which would require a City employee to sit down at computer due to having to refresh the system after each upload. Upload maximum is 100 images at a time. Approx. 30 seconds per 100 images. There was potentially 10 million responsive records at this**



point.

May 15, 2025, 1:47pm by Melanie Pennington

Support Staff Removed

Staff Only

Tyler Wells

May 15, 2025, 10:50am by Tyler Wells

Internal Message

Staff Only

Melanie Pennington, Josie Atkins

I, Tyler Wells, declare as follows:

I am over 18 years of age and competent to testify.

I serve as the Network Administrator with the City of Lakewood and in this capacity I conducted a search using the following parameters:

flock

for responsive records pertaining to this request. There were 34956 email records found. No text records.

I declare on this May 15th, 2025 in Lakewood, WA under penalty of perjury that foregoing is true and correct.

May 15, 2025, 10:49am by Tyler Wells , IT Administrator (Staff)

Note

Staff Only

Spoke with Alwine regarding volume of request/images/cost. Data requested is approx. 1 terabyte of info. Which would require a City employee to sit down at computer due to having to refresh the system after each upload. Upload maximum is 100 images at a time. Approx. 30 seconds per 100 images. There was potentially 10 million responsive records at this point.

May 14, 2025, 11:50am by Melanie Pennington, Public Records & Legal Specialist (Staff)

Internal Message

Staff Only

All assigned staff

I've attached the user list.

May 14, 2025, 9:06am by Jeff Alwine, Captain (Staff)

Document(s) Added

Staff Only

Flock Users_May_14_2025.xlsx

May 14, 2025, 9:06am by Jeff Alwine

Internal Message

Staff Only

All assigned staff

This is a massive and incredibly burdensome request. A quick search for the 24 day time period requested returned over 10 million images. I do not know what that looks like size wise, but it will be huge and will take a long time to download. So long that I will need to find a computer that is not being used in order to process this request. As far as downloading goes, I don't know what type of media we would be able to put all 10 million images on. As far as training or instructions, everyone that has an account is encouraged to take the online training provided through the system when they create their account. We do not have a separate training guide for this. I do one on one training when I am asked, but I don't have a training script or manual I use, I just teach what I have learned from Flock and by using the system.

May 14, 2025, 9:00am by Jeff Alwine, Captain (Staff)



Internal Message

Staff Only

Tyler Wells

Please provide any and all communication utilizing the following criteria:

Date Range: ALL

Keyword(s) in Body, Attachments, or Subject Lines: "FLOCK" "FLOCK System"

Specific Recipient: ALL

Specific Sender: ALL

May 14, 2025, 8:46am by Melanie Pennington, Public Records & Legal Specialist (Staff)

Department Assignment

Public

Added: Administrative Services -IT.

May 14, 2025, 8:45am by Melanie Pennington

Support Staff Added

Staff Only

Tyler Wells

Mehdi Sedri

May 14, 2025, 8:45am by Melanie Pennington

Support Staff Removed

Staff Only

Jeremy Prater

May 14, 2025, 8:39am by Jeremy Prater

Internal Message

Staff Only

All assigned staff

Sounds good. I do not believe we have a list of users but I will let Acting Assistant Chief Alwine verify that information.

May 14, 2025, 8:39am by Jeremy Prater, Captain (Staff)

Note pinned

Staff Only

May 14, 2025, 7:23am by Josie Atkins

Note

Staff Only

CAN USE RECORDS FROM 25-10.

May 14, 2025, 7:23am by Josie Atkins, Public Records & Legal Specialist (Staff)

Internal Message

Staff Only

All assigned staff

Good morning Captain Prater :) You are correct. We can find the Flock contracts. Also, it is my understanding that if you don't already have a list of users under responsive records, we are not required to create a record to provide information to the requester. Thanks for the assistance, appreciate it!

May 14, 2025, 7:22am by Josie Atkins, Public Records & Legal Specialist (Staff)

Internal Message

Staff Only

All assigned staff

Josie,



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I think this is going to require some more people added to this request.

1. Brianna for contracts/agreements
2. I believe this is all contained within the program which is owned by Flock
3. I believe we can compile a list of users (Alwine?)
4. Videos/images request for timeframes listed - there was a similar request previously. I believe the decision was that it would need to be referred to Flock as we don't own the images or the servers (Alwine?)
5. Someone from IT to handle this request
6. Legal

May 14, 2025, 7:15am by Jeremy Prater, Captain (Staff)

Internal Message

Staff Only

Adding you to this request...

May 14, 2025, 7:11am by Jeremy Prater, Captain (Staff)

Support Staff Added

Staff Only

Jeff Alwine

May 14, 2025, 7:11am by Jeremy Prater

Department Assignment

Public

Added: Police.

May 12, 2025, 4:27pm by Melanie Pennington

Support Staff Added

Staff Only

Jeremy Prater

May 12, 2025, 4:27pm by Melanie Pennington

Requester + Staff

Thank you for your interest in public records from the City of Lakewood. Your request has been received and is being processed.

The City of Lakewood will be in contact within **5 business days** to update you on the status of your request. If you have any questions, please contact us at 253-983-7801. Again, thank you for using the City of Lakewood's Public Records Portal. We appreciate your consideration and patience while we work to locate records for your request.

May 12, 2025, 3:09pm

Support Staff Added

Staff Only

Josie Atkins

May 12, 2025, 3:09pm (auto-assigned)

Request Visibility

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Request Opened

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Request received via web

May 12, 2025, 3:09pm by Phil Watson

New Point of Contact

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Melanie Pennington



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May 12, 2025, 3:09pm by Phil Watson on behalf of Melanie Pennington
