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Auburn Hills PD: records and analysis, as of November 25, 2026

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Summary of the department's audit exports

Figures computed by Michigan Plate Readers from the exports listed under D. Entries in the case-number field are counted and not shown.

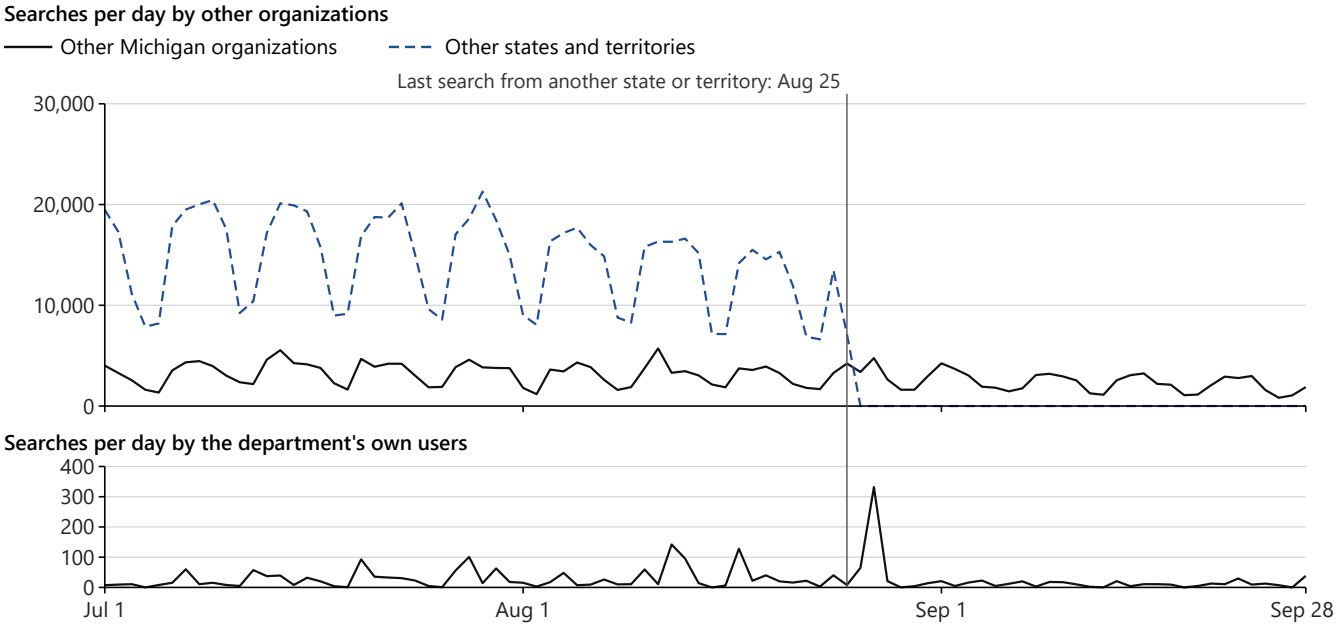


Figure 1. Searches whose scope included the department's cameras, per day, by the searching organization's state, July 1 to September 28, 2026. Counted from the network audit files listed under D; days are Michigan dates. A search counts once however many networks it spanned; the audit does not show whether a read from the department's cameras was returned. Own users: searches by users of Auburn Hills MI PD, the department's own organization in the export. State: read from the organization's name as the export gives it; Federal: the export's [Federal] tag. Not drawn: 30 searches by federal organizations and 1,226 by organizations with no state in their names.

A. Other organizations' searches of the department's cameras (network audit)

The department's own users ran 2,361 of the 1,069,788 searches in the network audit (0.2 percent); users at other organizations ran 1,067,427 (99.8 percent). The network audit lists 1,069,788 searches between July 1 and September 28, 2026 (90 days) whose scope included the department's cameras: 1,067,427 by users at 3,314 other organizations and 2,361 by the department's own users. Shares are of all 1,069,788. The 25 other organizations with the most searches:

	Organization	State	Listed	Days	Searches	Share
1	Michigan State Police	MI	yes	90	36,962	3.5%
2	Louisville Metro KY PD	KY	in only	56	27,743	2.6%
3	Texas Department of Public Safety	TX	no	56	23,265	2.2%
4	Detroit MI PD	MI	yes	90	22,108	2.1%
5	Kent County MI SO	MI	yes	90	16,338	1.5%
6	Houston TX PD	TX	in only	56	15,742	1.5%
7	Oakland County MI SO	MI	yes	90	12,692	1.2%
8	Lexington KY PD	KY	in only	56	12,442	1.2%
9	Dallas TX PD	TX	no	56	11,037	1.0%
10	Grand Rapids MI PD	MI	yes	90	10,369	1.0%
11	Pennsylvania State PD	PA	no	56	10,006	0.9%
12	Southfield MI PD	MI	yes	90	9,685	0.9%
13	Akron OH PD	OH	in only	56	8,943	0.8%
14	KY - Kentucky State Police	KY	no	42	8,341	0.8%
15	Kalamazoo MI PD	MI	yes	90	8,246	0.8%
16	Warren MI PD	MI	yes	90	8,226	0.8%
17	Hillsborough County FL SO	FL	no	56	8,222	0.8%
18	Coweta County GA SO	GA	no	56	8,095	0.8%
19	Bloomington IL PD	IL	no	56	6,856	0.6%
20	Dearborn MI PD	MI	yes	90	6,815	0.6%
21	Macomb County MI SO	MI	yes	89	6,795	0.6%
22	Fort Worth TX PD	TX	in only	56	6,653	0.6%
23	Flint Township MI PD	MI	yes	90	6,616	0.6%
24	Lake County IN SO	IN	in only	56	6,163	0.6%
25	Kansas Highway Patrol	KS	no	56	6,090	0.6%
	Other organizations (3,289)				762,977	71.3%

Listed: on the sharing list (SharedNetworks_2026_September_24.csv); in only: only under its column Networks Shared With Me. Days: the dates, of 90, on which the organization ran at least one of these searches.

By where the organization is: other states and territories 803,845 (75.1 percent); Michigan 264,687 (24.7 percent, the department's own included); federal 30 (under 0.1 percent); no state in the name 1,226 (0.1 percent).

State: the state in the organization's name as the export gives it; Federal: the export's [Federal] tag.

Sharing list. SharedNetworks_2026_September_24.csv lists 785 organizations. Of the 3,314 other organizations in the network audit, 2,661 do not appear on it; they ran 565,235 searches (52.8 percent). 486 appear only under Networks Shared With Me and ran 240,273 (22.5 percent). The event log records the deletion of 327 shares of the department's network on August 25, 2026 and National Lookup changed to Disabled the same day; 2,659 of the 2,661 ran no search from August 26, 2026 on.

Search Type, as the export records it: lookup 837,275; lookup - Mobile 159,250; search 52,948; search - Mobile 18,524; convoy 1,009; multiGeo 255; visual 223; freeform 179; searchSummary - Mobile 76; visual - Mobile 30; freeform - Mobile 19.

Reason, in our groups	Searches	Share
Drugs/Narcotics	169,495	15.8%
Wanted Person (Arrest Warrant/Fugitive)	143,870	13.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft/Stolen	131,438	12.3%
Traffic Infraction	85,681	8.0%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	76,164	7.1%
Weapons Offense (Guns/Shots Fired)	34,496	3.2%
Assault/Battery Offenses	33,498	3.1%
Other	33,171	3.1%
All other groups (470)	361,975	33.8%

Our groups: each reason's text before its first " - " (a dash with a space on each side) is kept in the export's words, as Flock's reason menu, when every part of it, split at each ", " (a comma and a space), appears in at least 50 searches by at least 5 organizations in the department's own network audit and contains no digit or @ sign; any other text is counted in one group, "Treated as free text". No other department's export is used, so every group can be re-run from the files listed under D.

B. The department's own searches beside other organizations'

Of the 2,585 searches in the department's own search audit, 2,361 also appear in the network audit, matched by the export's search ID.

Searches per day by other organizations

A change recorded in the event log, numbered as in the list below

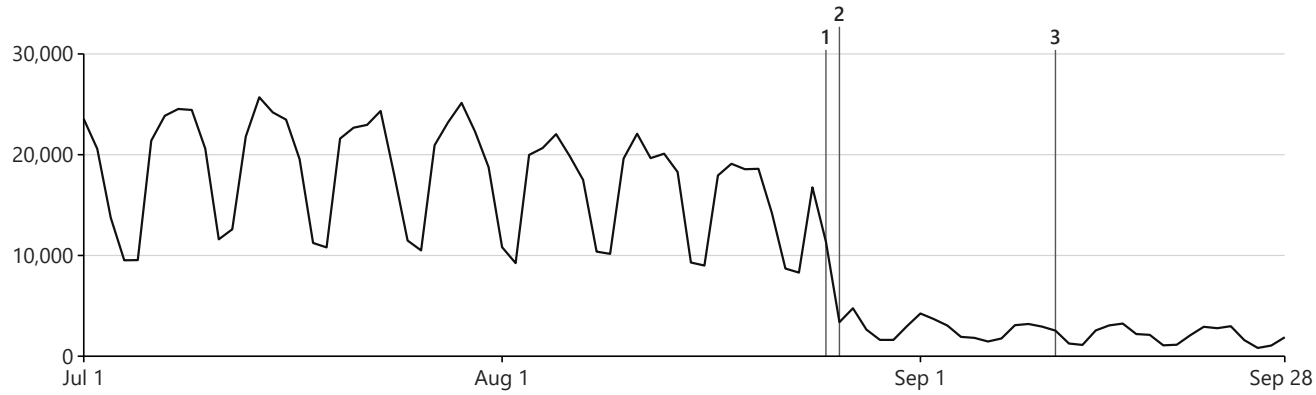


Figure 2. Searches whose scope included the department's cameras, per day, by other organizations, with the dates of changes recorded in the account's event log, July 1 to September 28, 2026. Each numbered rule marks a day on which the log records a change to the account's settings, or ten or more shares of the department's network created or deleted; the list gives the settings and sharing events the log records that day, the settings in its own words. The rules show when each change was recorded; the figure does not show that a change caused what follows. Searches: counted from the network audit files listed under D, without the department's own users' searches (Figure 1 draws them); days are Michigan dates. Changes: from the event log listed under D. On 5 other days the log records fewer than ten shares created or deleted (3 created and 3 deleted in all); those days are not marked. Events of other kinds in the log are not marked.

1. **August 25, 2026:** Network sharing settings recorded twice (values after each update; the log holds no earlier values); 327 shares of the department's network deleted (326 with organizations in other states and territories and 1 with an organization with no state in its name); National Lookup: Enabled to Disabled; Audit Assistance: Disabled to Enabled.
2. **August 26, 2026:** 13 shares of the department's network created, all with Michigan organizations.
3. **September 11, 2026:** Immigration Enforcement: Enabled search policy for 1 networks; Reproductive Health: Enabled search policy for 1 networks; New Mexico: Sharing Policy accepted; New Jersey: Sharing Policy accepted.

C. Searches by the department's own users (search audit)

The search audit lists 2,585 searches by the department's own users between July 1 and September 28, 2026.

Reason, in our groups	Searches	Share
Robbery	1,074	41.5%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	430	16.6%
Hit and Run/Car Accident	193	7.5%
Obstructing the Police (Fleeing/Eluding)	97	3.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft/Stolen	80	3.1%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	73	2.8%
Missing/Endangered Person/Runaway	66	2.6%
Financial Crime (Embezzlement/Fraud)	62	2.4%
All other groups (26)	510	19.7%

All 2,585 searches have an entry in the case-number field. The entries are not shown.

D. Sources

File, as the department sent it	What it is	Searches dated	Rows
7_1_2026-7_14_2026-Auburn Hills MI PD-Network-Audit.csv	network audit	Jul 1, 2026 to Jul 14, 2026	263,741
7_15_2026-8_15_2026-Auburn Hills MI PD-Network-Audit.csv	network audit	Jul 15, 2026 to Aug 14, 2026	572,585
8_15_2026-9_15_2026-Auburn Hills MI PD-Network-Audit.csv	network audit	Aug 15, 2026 to Sep 14, 2026	204,332
9_15_2026-9_29_2026-Auburn Hills MI PD-Network-Audit.csv	network audit	Sep 15, 2026 to Sep 28, 2026	29,130
7_1_2026-7_31_2026-Auburn Hills MI PD-Audit_Redacted Plates.csv	search audit	Jul 1, 2026 to Jul 31, 2026	907
8_1_2026-8_31_2026-Auburn Hills MI PD-Audit_Redacted Plates.csv	search audit	Aug 1, 2026 to Aug 31, 2026	1,225
9_1_2026-9_23_2026-Auburn Hills MI PD-Audit_Redacted Plates.csv	search audit	Sep 1, 2026 to Sep 23, 2026	384
9_24_2026-9_29_2026-Auburn Hills MI PD-Audit (1)_Redacted Plates.csv	search audit	Sep 24, 2026 to Sep 28, 2026	69
SharedNetworks_2026_September_24.csv	sharing list, 785 organizations; as of September 24, 2026		
event-logs.csv	event log; events dated Jul 1, 2026 to Sep 28, 2026		490

The files were received October 8, 2026, on a disc, in response to request AHP-2026-09-29-B. Tallied November 25, 2026. The exports give Search Time in UTC; dates here are Michigan dates. Every figure on this page can be re-run from these files.

Auburn Hills Police Department

Oakland County, Michigan

Published The agency answered both requests on Oct 5, 2026 (business day 3, no extension): granted in part, denied in part, with fees of $35.00 on AHP-2026-09-29-A and $56.00 on AHP-2026-09-29-B, both paid Oct 5, 2026. The records and our analysis are published. The agency's reply, when one arrives, is under Right of reply.

> **How to read this page**
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> RECORD The statement repeats what a document or an agency's data export says. The source is linked from the page. Documents we publish are listed on the Records and Letters pages.
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> GAP The agency did not produce something the request asked for. We note what the agency said about it, if anything.
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> QUESTION The records leave a point unanswered. We send each question to the agency in writing: with the draft of its records and our analysis, or in a later letter when the question is added afterward. Its answer is published on the page.
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STATUS
Active

CAMERAS
22 license plate reader cameras and 2 compute boxes

RETENTION
30 days

ANNUAL COST
Not to exceed $55,000 a year

SEARCHES BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
1,067,427 by 3,314 organizations, Jul 1, 2026 to Sep 28, 2026

SEARCHES FROM OUTSIDE MICHIGAN
75.1 percent of the searches in its network audit

SEARCHES RECORDED AS IMMIGRATION
308 by other organizations (Methods; Immigration terms in search reasons)

AUDITS UNDER ITS OWN POLICY
0 audit memos in the records

ORGANIZATIONS IT SHARES WITH
183 organizations, 183 of them in Michigan

OWN POLICE DEPARTMENT
Yes

RECORDS REQUESTS
AHP-2026-09-29-A (text): answered 2026-10-05; records produced; closed
AHP-2026-09-29-B (text): answered 2026-10-05; records produced; closed

Timeline

Date	Event	Source
Apr 5, 2022	The City posts an invitation to bid for 10 license plate readers; bids close May 6, 2022, with 6 sealed bids.	Memos
May 24, 2022	The Public Safety Advisory Committee votes 4-0 to recommend Flock Safety as the vendor for 10 cameras, not to exceed $28,500.	Minutes
Jun 6, 2022	The City Council approves 10 cameras from Flock Safety, not to exceed $28,500, and approval to propose 12 more to the TIFA board (Resolution No. 22.06.85, 7-0).	Minutes, Memo
Jun 14, 2022	The Tax Increment Finance Authority board approves 12 cameras for TIF District B and a $34,200 budget amendment; motion carried, 5 yes and 0 no.	Minutes, Memo
Jun 15, 2022	The Deputy Chief signs Flock's Order Form: 22 Falcon cameras at $2,500 a year each and $350 each for installation; $62,700 in year one, then $55,000 a year; a 60-day pilot period.	Agreement 1
Sep 1, 2022	General Order 5.3, Automated License Plate Reader, takes effect.	General Order 5.3

Date	Event	Source
Sep 15 to Oct 4, 2022	16 cameras installed, by the deployment tracker's dates.	Tracker
Feb 2, 2023 to Apr 8, 2024	5 cameras dated installed in 2023 and 1 on April 8, 2024.	Tracker
Feb 28, 2023	The Public Safety Advisory Committee hears an update on the readers: 1,095,482 plate reads with 22 cameras and 28 hits.	Minutes
Jun 2, 2023	Flock's budgetary quote: 22 Falcon cameras, 60 months, $55,000 a year, $275,000 contract total.	Agreement 1
Jul 10, 2023	The City Council adopts, on its consent agenda, a 5-year agreement with Flock Safety not to exceed $55,000 annually and authorizes the Chief to sign (Resolution No. 23.07.074, 6-0).	Minutes, Memo
Jul 1, 2026	First day of the window the audit exports and the event log cover.	Network audit by day, Searches by month
Aug 25, 2026	The event log records the network's sharing settings as discoverable and auto-approved within the state, an entry reading "Revoked out-of-state sharing" and the deletion of 327 shares of the Department's network, "National Lookup" changed to Disabled and "Audit Assistance" changed to Enabled.	Share events, Settings changes, Facts
Aug 26, 2026	13 shares created, all with Michigan organizations.	Share events
Sep 11, 2026	The log records the "Immigration Enforcement" and "Reproductive Health" search policies enabled for the network, and the New Mexico and New Jersey sharing policies accepted.	Settings changes
Sep 24, 2026	Date of the sharing configuration export: 765 organizations share a network with the Department, which shares its network with 183.	Sharing organizations

What the program is

> RECORD The City's minutes record three votes in 2022. On May 24, 2022 the Public Safety Advisory Committee voted 4-0 to recommend Flock Safety as the vendor for 10 cameras at a cost not to exceed $28,500; the minutes record that "Chief Gagnon committed to monthly updates of the systems use to both City Council and PSAC." and that "Anyone can log in and view statistics of what we are seeing and doing with the data." On June 6, 2022 the City Council approved the purchase of 10 cameras from Flock Safety at a cost not to exceed $28,500, with approval to propose 12 more to the TIFA board, by

Resolution No. 22.06.85, 7-0; the minutes record that "The data is only stored for 30 days." and that "A monthly report will be on the Police Department webpage to display the statistics of the system." On June 14, 2022 the Tax Increment Finance Authority board approved 12 cameras for TIF District B and a budget amendment of $34,200, 5 yes and 0 no. The Council's agenda memo records 6 sealed bids and says "The third lowest bid was Flock Safety." Both June 2022 memos say "All searches of data must be documented in an official police report per departmental policy." and "Any requests to share information to other law enforcement agencies must be approved by the Chief of Police."

RECORD The Order Form signed on June 15, 2022 by Deputy Chief Scott McGraw for the Department and by Flock's General Counsel covers 22 Falcon cameras at $2,500 a year each and $350 each for standard installation: $62,700 in year one, then $55,000 a year. It prints a 12-month renewal term and "Pilot period: First 60 days of Initial Term; option to cancel contract at no cost." The Government Agency Agreement attached to it provides that Flock deletes Footage on a rolling 30-day basis and "may store deleted Footage in order to comply with certain legal obligations but such retained Footage will not be retrievable without a valid court order"; that "As between Flock and Agency, all right, title and interest in the Agency Data, belong to and are retained solely by Agency."; that the Agency grants Flock a license "to disclose the Agency Data (inclusive of any Footage) to enable law enforcement monitoring against law enforcement hotlists as well as provide Footage search access to law enforcement for investigative purposes only"; that "Flock shall not sell Agency Data or Aggregated Data."; and that termination for convenience costs $500 per unit. The agreement has no section on audits.

RECORD On July 10, 2023 the Council adopted, on its consent agenda, the item "To Approve a Five-Year Service Agreement with Flock Safety": "To approve a five-year agreement with Flock Safety in an amount not to exceed $55,000 annually and authorize the Chief of Police to sign the agreement on behalf of the City." (Resolution No. 23.07.074, 6-0). The agenda memo says the annual fee per camera "will be increasing from $2500 per camera to $3000 per camera annually", that a 5-year agreement would keep the rate at $2,500, $55,000 a year and $275,000 over the term against $330,000, that the cost is split between the Police Department budget ($25,000) and the TIFA budget ($30,000), that "The system is currently scanning an average of 2 million license plates per month in the city." and that the Department had received 456 hits since October 1, 2022. The City produced a budgetary quote created June 2, 2023 (22 Falcon cameras, 60 months, $55,000 a year, $275,000 contract total) and two order forms on the same terms, neither signed nor dated. Both forms incorporate Flock's Terms of Service by web address; no copy of those terms is in the production. Each prints "Retention Period: 30 Days" and lists, among the features of the FlockOS package, "State Network (LP Lookup Only)", described as allowing agencies "to look up license plates on all cameras opted in to the statewide Flock network", and "Nationwide Network (LP Lookup Only)", described the same way for "the nationwide Flock network".

QUESTION Item 1 asked for every agreement with Flock and all invoices. The Council's resolution of July 10, 2023 authorized the Chief to sign the 5-year agreement, and the agenda memo describes annual payments to Flock from two City budgets; the order forms produced carry no signature or date, and no invoice was produced. Was a 2023 order form signed, and if so which of the two, by whom and on what date? Can the City produce the signed copy and Flock's invoices to the City since 2022?

RECORD For item 5, the camera inventory, the City produced its Flock deployment tracker, a file dated October 5, 2026. It lists 24 devices, every one marked installed: 22 license plate reader cameras and 2 compute boxes, each with its location name, latitude and longitude and device type. The cameras carry

installation dates: 16 between September 15 and October 4, 2022, 5 in 2023 and 1 on April 8, 2024. The Council memo of July 10, 2023 says "The 22 ALPRs were installed in strategic locations throughout the city and TIF District B in the fall of 2022."

QUESTION Were the 6 cameras the tracker dates between February 2, 2023 and April 8, 2024 installed then for the first time, or moved or replaced? The committee's minutes of February 28, 2023 record "Road Commission delayed progress, readers installed by Flock." Item 5 asked for any installation, relocation or decommission record; none was produced, and the response does not say whether any exists.

RECORD Every produced record that states a retention period gives 30 days: the June 2022 memos ("stored for 30 days and automatically deleted"), the 2022 agreement, the 2023 quote and order forms ("Retention Period: 30 Days") and General Order 5.3; the Council minutes of June 6, 2022 record the same period. Item 6 also asked for any settings record and any correspondence with Flock about setting or changing the period; none was produced, and nothing in the records shows that one exists.

QUESTION Does the Department publish a Flock transparency portal? Item 6 asked for its address; none was given. The Council minutes of June 6, 2022 record that "A monthly report will be on the Police Department webpage to display the statistics of the system." The committee's minutes of February 28, 2023, in the timeline, record an update on the readers, and the Department's reports page, read October 8, 2026, lists annual reports and monthly police reports and no license plate reader statistics report. Was the monthly statistics report published on the webpage, and where can the statistics given to the Council and the committee be found?

What it does

RECORD The sharing configuration export, dated September 24, 2026 in its file name, lists 785 organizations. 765 share a network with the Department: 589 in other states and territories, 170 in Michigan, 4 federal agencies and 2 with no state in their names; 84 of them share more than one network. The Department shares its network with 183 organizations, every one in Michigan; 163 appear in both directions.

RECORD The event log records the following on August 25, 2026, Michigan time. At 13:27:31 the network's share settings were recorded as "Make Network Discoverable Within My State: Enabled", "Automatically Approve Requests Within My State: Enabled", "Make Network Discoverable Within 50 Miles: Disabled" and "Make Network Discoverable Nationwide: Disabled"; the log holds no earlier values for these settings. At 13:27:55 an entry reads "Selection Mode: Revoked out-of-state sharing" and "Organizations That Lost Access: 327", and 327 shares of the Department's network were deleted, stamped from 13:27:55 to 13:27:56 under 1 user account: 326 with organizations in other states and territories, 1 with an organization whose name carries no state, and none with a Michigan organization. At 13:31:03 an organization update reads "National Lookup: Enabled -> Disabled". The next day 13 shares were created, all with Michigan organizations, 9 of them with the permission "Analytics" alone. On September 11, 2026 two organization updates read "Immigration Enforcement: Enabled search policy for 1 networks", "Reproductive Health: Enabled search policy for 1 networks", "New Mexico: Sharing Policy

accepted" and "New Jersey: Sharing Policy accepted". At 14:23:44 on August 25 a second share-settings entry records the same four values and sets "Permissions Not Available for Request" to "VMS Go-Live, VMS Historical, VMS Download". The log records no other change to these settings between Jul 1, 2026 and Sep 28, 2026.

RECORD The network audit lists 1,069,788 searches whose scope included the Department's cameras between Jul 1, 2026 and Sep 28, 2026, 90 days: 1,067,427 by 3,314 other organizations and 2,361 by the Department's own users. 75.1 percent came from organizations in 42 other states and territories, read from the organizations' names; 24.7 percent from Michigan organizations; 30 searches from 2 federal agencies; and 1,226 from organizations with no state in their names. The largest single searcher was the Michigan State Police, with 36,962 searches, 3.5 percent. The median search covered 6,055 networks and 918,741 searches covered a thousand or more. The export has a column for the number of networks each search covered and no column saying whether a read from the Department's cameras was returned; a search run across every network open to the searcher counts once.

RECORD Under our coding rules (Methods), 311 of the 1,069,788 searches in the network audit are recorded as immigration searches: the reason's categories are one or both of Flock's two immigration categories and no other (294 searches), or the reason carries one of the immigration terms the rule lists, among them ICE, Border Patrol and 287(g). Another 188 searches are not recorded as immigration searches: 186 name HSI (Homeland Security Investigations) and 2 name CBP (Customs and Border Protection) in other casework, most often under the categories Drugs/Narcotics (59) and Human Trafficking (44). 496 of these 499 searches were run by other organizations and 3 by the Department's own users, each of the Department's own recorded as an immigration search and none of them after August 25, 2026. The export does not define the abbreviations. 21 of the 499 are timed after 11:42:28 on September 11, 2026, Michigan time, when the event log records the "Immigration Enforcement" search policy being enabled: 21 by other organizations and none by the Department's own users, and none of them recorded as an immigration search.

REPORTED Flock's post of November 17, 2025 (https://www.flocksafety.com/blog/search-safeguards-how-flocks-search-filters-work) on search safeguards says of its search filters: "If a user attempts to search for reasons associated with immigration enforcement or reproductive care, the platform automatically prevents the search from including networks that have the filter on."

QUESTION On September 11, 2026 the event log records "Immigration Enforcement: Enabled search policy for 1 networks". Does the Department have a written policy on the use of its cameras, or on searches of its cameras by other organizations, for immigration enforcement, and is the decision to enable the search policy recorded in a memo, in minutes or in a written directive? 3 of the Department's own searches between Jul 1, 2026 and Sep 28, 2026 carry the category Immigration (civil/administrative) and a reason beginning AOD: what does AOD stand for, and for which agency were those searches run?

RECORD Before August 26, 2026 the audit holds 988,436 searches by 3,314 organizations, the Department's own included. From August 26 through Sep 28, 2026 it holds 81,352 searches by 162 organizations, the Department's own included, every one of them in Michigan. The last search by an organization outside Michigan is timed Aug 25, 2026 at 13:37:31.

REPORTED Flock's Data Ownership (https://www.flocksafety.com/legal/data-ownership) page, last updated August 21, 2026, says "All sharing is 'off' by default, and can only be initiated by you." Its statement of June 19, 2025 (https://www.flocksafety.com/blog/statement-network-sharing-use-cases-federal-cooperation) on network sharing describes National Lookup as a network that "police departments can choose to join".

QUESTION Was the Department's network discoverable nationwide before August 25, 2026, and if it was, when was that setting enabled and by whom? When was National Lookup enabled, and by whom? The undated 2023 order forms list "Nationwide Network (LP Lookup Only)" among the package's features; is that line the record of the Department's joining National Lookup, or was it enabled separately? What prompted the change of August 25, and is the decision recorded in a memo, in minutes or in a written directive? The Council's published minutes carry no motion, resolution or vote naming Flock or license plate readers between July 10, 2023 and September 28, 2026, the latest posted when we read them.

QUESTION Section J of General Order 5.3 describes the release of ALPR data to another agency on a request approved by the Chief or a designee and retained as a call for service, and the June 2022 memos told the Council and the TIFA board that sharing requests "must be approved by the Chief of Police". Do those steps apply to the access other organizations have through the Flock network's sharing settings, and are the 183 shares the Department held on September 24, 2026, and the shares deleted on August 25, recorded under section J?

RECORD The search audit records 2,585 searches run by 43 of the Department's own users between Jul 1, 2026 and Sep 28, 2026. Every row names the Department as the searching organization and carries an entry in the case-number field (General Order 5.3 requires each inquiry to be documented by a case or incident number) and a reason; 957 carry filters. Flock's export labels 1,786 of the rows lookups and 799 searches. The median search covered 287 networks and 322 covered a thousand or more; 2,361 of the 2,585 also appear in the network audit. By month.

RECORD The City removed the License Plate column from the search audit and the phone column from the user list, writing that "this was the only way to fully redact those items that couldn't be undone within the metadata of the columns in each file." The notice cites Sections 13(1)(a) and 13(1)(b)(iii). The network audit as the system exports it shows user names, plates, case numbers and filters as "***" on every filled row; the search audit shows user names and case numbers.

RECORD The user list, dated October 5, 2026, holds 71 accounts, 55 active and 16 deactivated: 35 with the role Patrol, 12 Admin, 8 Investigations, and 16 with no role, all of them deactivated; 55 have search enabled. The export carries each user's name and work email; we publish counts by title, role and status only.

RECORD For item 5 of Request B the City produced a one-page print of the system's Hot List Alert Summary, dated October 5, 2026 in its file name. It prints 42,457 total hot-list alerts: 40,117 under the topic "Non Owned Custom Hotlist Alert", 4 from the Department's own custom lists, and 2,336 on Michigan and NCIC topics, among them wanted persons, stolen vehicles, stolen plates, missing persons, protection orders and sex offenders. The chart of hits by day runs from Mar 18, 2026 to Oct 3, 2026.

QUESTION Does the system produce an alert-disposition or outcome report for the Department's alerts (the 2023 order forms list "outcome reports" among the reports of the "Flock Insights/Analytics page")?

Oversight

RECORD General Order 5.3, Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR), is dated effective September 1, 2022 with a reevaluation date of September 1, 2025. It provides that "An ALPR shall only be used for official law enforcement business."; that every user has individual credentials; that "Every ALPR Detection Browsing Inquiry must be documented by either the associated Auburn Hills Police Department case number or incident number."; that "Flock Safety will purge their data at the end of the thirty (30) days of storage."; that "The ALPR data may be shared only with other law enforcement or prosecutorial agencies for official law enforcement purposes or as otherwise permitted by law.", on a request naming the agency, the person and the purpose, reviewed and approved by the Chief or a designee and retained as a call for service (section J); and, in section I, that the Chief or a designee is "to ensure that an audit is conducted of the ALPR Detection Browsing Inquiries at least twice during each calendar year", that "The audit shall randomly select at least 10 Detection Browsing Inquiries conducted by department employees during the preceding six-month period and determine if each inquiry meets the requirements established in this Policy." and that "The audit shall be documented on a departmental memorandum to the Chief of Police." The order does not mention the Flock network, the statewide or nationwide networks, or sharing settings in the Flock system.

QUESTION Was General Order 5.3 reevaluated on or after September 1, 2025, its printed reevaluation date, and is there a later version or a record of the reevaluation? Item 3 asked for every version in effect in the time frame, superseded versions included.

RECORD Item 7 asked for each internal audit memo or report of ALPR use prepared under the Department's policy, any written finding of a policy violation, any memo or report about searches of the Department's cameras by other organizations, and any periodic usage or performance report from Flock. The City's notice of October 5, 2026 checks "Documentation does not exist.", and on October 6 the City certified for item 7, "pursuant to MCL 15.235(5)(b)", that the record does not exist.

GAP General Order 5.3 requires an audit of the Department's own inquiries "at least twice during each calendar year", each "documented on a departmental memorandum to the Chief of Police" and retained by the Department, and has been in effect since September 1, 2022. No audit memorandum was produced for item 7, and the City certified that no record exists.

QUESTION Since September 1, 2022, has an audit under section I of General Order 5.3 been conducted, and how was it recorded?

RECORD The event log the City produced records, on August 25, 2026 at 13:57:57, the organization setting "Audit Assistance" changed from Disabled to Enabled.

QUESTION What does the Audit Assistance setting, enabled on August 25, 2026, review, and has it produced a report or a flag that the Department holds?

ANALYSIS General Order 5.3's audit provision covers the Department's own users' inquiries. Of the 1,069,788 searches in the network audit whose scope included the Department's cameras, 1,067,427 (99.8 percent) were run by other organizations. Nothing in the records produced reviews those searches, and the City certified that no record exists for item 7, which asked for any memo or report about searches of its cameras by other organizations.

How the agency answered

> RECORD The City explained, unasked, where the items of the two requests overlap. Request B's records came as CSV files as the system exports them and the hot-list alert summary as a scanned page, with a file for every item.

What the City produced

On Request A, by email on October 6, 2026: two scans headed Flock Services Agreement (45 and 52 pages), the three Council and TIFA memos (6 pages), General Order 5.3 (7 pages), the deployment tracker as a CSV file and a Word file holding one web address. The City blacked out the DocuSign envelope identifiers on the agreements and a block beneath its Flock contact's name. Our public copies of the agreements also remove that contact's name, the Deputy Chief's direct phone and email and the City's named accounts-payable mailbox, and every file's document properties are cleared.

On Request B, on a disc received October 8, 2026: the search audit, the network audit, the sharing configuration, the event log and the user list as CSV files as the system exports them, with the plate column removed from the search audit and the phone column from the user list by the City, and the hot-list alert summary as a scanned page. The exports hold user names, case numbers and, in the event log, plates. The public copy of the alert summary is the City's scan turned right way up; the exports are published as derived tables that carry no name, plate, case number, email, filter or reason text.

The five sets of minutes in the timeline are the City's own, copied from its document archive and its agendas-and-minutes page on October 8, 2026. In our copies the names of police and fire officers and firefighters below the Deputy Chief are blacked out, as are the names of the two clerks who took the Public Safety Advisory Committee's minutes and, on the June 6, 2022 minutes, the names and street addresses of the members of the public who spoke at public comment; the Chief, the Deputy Chief, the council and board members, committee members and the other City staff are named as printed.

Documents

Public copies of the records this page relies on. Each file lists the request it came from, the date received, and the first 16 characters of its SHA-256 hash; the full hash is on the All files page.

Document	Request	Received	Pages	Redaction
Response email from the Police Records Clerk, October 5, 2026: "granted in part"; the records follow by email once $35.00 is paid `e1708c03b5adedca…`	AHP-2026-09-29-A	2026-10-05	1	the Police Records Clerk's name and the address, phone, fax and email lines of the signature block left out; the name of a second City staff member copied on the message left out of our note; message text as received, rendered to PDF; the City's email disclaimer and our quoted request are left out; our note at the top; document properties cleared
Notice of Response form, October 5, 2026: part denied; boxes checked for a redaction of "account and document numbers" under 13(1)(a), "not public records" (15.232(2)(c)) and "documentation does not exist", no item named `6ae69bba1c5fa08e…`	AHP-2026-09-29-A	2026-10-05	4	the Police Records Clerk's typed name and digital signature in the box for the FOIA Coordinator's signature blacked out; the form carries the requester's name only, retained; document properties cleared
Fee Calculation Form, October 5, 2026: $35.77 rounded down to $35.00 for 45 minutes of labor (search by the Deputy Chief at $67.42/h; redaction and copying by the Records Clerk at $37.85/h); the five fee factors listed, none marked `10aaff3db0b4037e…`	AHP-2026-09-29-A	2026-10-05	2	QR code for the City's payment page and the City logo removed as images; the Police Records Clerk's name blacked out where the form names the Clerk (three places); the text otherwise untouched; requester's name retained; written as page images, the visible text kept as a text layer; document properties cleared

Document	Request	Received	Pages	Redaction
Reply email from the Police Records Clerk, October 5, 2026, 2:51 pm, to our three points: the exports request is processed separately; items 1 and 2 carry the redaction of account and document numbers; no documentation exists for item 7; the Deputy Chief gathers the material, so the Deputy Chief's rate; "The City stands on the fee as issued and will not be issuing any waiver" `28c94223f5c1e6de…`	AHP-2026-09-29-A	2026-10-05	1	the Police Records Clerk's name left out; the name of a second City staff member copied on the message left out of our note; message text as received, rendered to PDF; the rest of the City's signature block, the disclaimer and the quoted messages are left out; our note at the top; document properties cleared
Response email from the Police Records Clerk, October 5, 2026, 2:57 pm: "granted in part"; the records follow by mail once $56.00 is paid; "due to the number and size of files, we are unable to e-mail" `9b1a4c51a88f4cd8…`	AHP-2026-09-29-B	2026-10-05	1	the Police Records Clerk's name left out; the name of a second City staff member copied on the message left out of our note; message text as received, rendered to PDF; the rest of the City's signature block, the disclaimer and our quoted request are left out; our note at the top; document properties cleared
Notice of Response form on the exports request, October 5, 2026: part denied; a redaction under 13(1)(a) of "Personal information, including phone numbers and license plates, etc."; boxes checked for 13(1)(a) and 13(1)(b)(iii); "Paper Copy" and "Mail to address above" marked; no item named `47cb600775990226…`	AHP-2026-09-29-B	2026-10-05	4	the Police Records Clerk's typed name and digital signature in the box for the FOIA Coordinator's signature blacked out; the form carries the requester's name only, retained; document properties cleared

Document	Request	Received	Pages	Redaction
Fee Calculation Form on the exports request, October 5, 2026: $56.02 rounded down to $56.00 (search 30 minutes by the Deputy Chief at $67.42/h; redaction and copying 15 minutes each by the Records Clerk at $37.85/h; one DVD $0.40; mailing $3.00); the five fee factors listed, none marked; "Material will be mailed" a01df94424934377…	AHP-2026-09-29-B	2026-10-05	2	QR code for the City's payment page and the City logo removed as images; the Police Records Clerk's name blacked out where the form names the Clerk (three places); the text otherwise untouched; requester's name retained; written as page images, the visible text kept as a text layer; document properties cleared
Message from the Police Records Clerk, October 6, 2026, 8:36 am, "e-mail 1 of 2": the payment received, "the receipt attached and the beginning of the documents"; items 1 and 2 "had account and document numbers that are considered non-public"; for item 7, "we hereby certify via this e-mail, pursuant to MCL 15.235(5)(b), that the public record does exist not under the name given by the requester or by another name reasonably known to the public body"; asks that the documents of both requests be evaluated together 3c30ae0b7835a292…	AHP-2026-09-29-A	2026-10-06	1	the Police Records Clerk's name left out; the name of a second City staff member copied on the message left out of our note; message text as received, rendered to PDF; the rest of the City's signature block, the disclaimer and the quoted messages are left out; the receipt attached is not published; our note at the top; document properties cleared
Message from the Police Records Clerk, October 6, 2026, 8:37 am: "This is e-mail 2 of 2", with the rest of the records attached 75d9a2cec9729f99…	AHP-2026-09-29-A	2026-10-06	1	the Police Records Clerk's name left out; the name of a second City staff member copied on the message left out of our note; message text as received, rendered to PDF; the rest of the City's signature block, the disclaimer and the quoted messages are left out; our note at the top; document properties cleared

Document	Request	Received	Pages	Redaction
Message from the Police Records Clerk on the exports request, October 6, 2026, 9:38 am: the payment received; the files being mailed on a DVD-RW disc by USPS Certified Mail, as CSV "with the exception of the Hot List Alert Summary which had to be printed and scanned back in as a PDF"; the license plate and phone number columns "were removed from the CSV files"; the City is "under the impression that the audit export tool will accept dates back to the beginning of our use of the system" 184df53ba2bd1313…	AHP-2026-09-29-B	2026-10-06	1	the requester's mailing address and the mail tracking number replaced by bracketed notes; the Police Records Clerk's name left out; the name of a second City staff member copied on the message left out of our note; the rest of the City's signature block, the disclaimer and the quoted messages are left out; the receipt attached is not published; our note at the top; document properties cleared
Flock Services Agreement 1, as produced (45 pages): the Order Form signed June 15, 2022 for 22 Falcon cameras ($55,000 a year, $7,700 implementation, 60-day pilot) with Flock's Government Agency Agreement, statement of work and Customer Implementation Guide; Budgetary Quote Q-35260 of June 2, 2023 (60 months, 22 cameras, $275,000 total); and a 60-month Order Form ($275,000 total) with no date and no signature page in this file cb3fb61e31ef7d2e…	AHP-2026-09-29-A	2026-10-06	45	the name of the Flock employee listed as main contact, the Deputy Chief's direct email address and phone number, and the accounts-payable email address (a named mailbox) blacked out; Flock's General Counsel, who signed the Order Form for Flock, named with the signature (an officer of the company); the pages are new images of the City's scan; the City's own black boxes are as produced; document properties cleared
Flock Services Agreement 2, as produced (52 pages): the signature page of an Order Form naming "Auburn Hills PD", unsigned; a 60-month Order Form naming the "City of Auburn Hills" ($55,000 a year, $275,000 total, 30-day retention), unsigned and undated; and two copies of Flock's Customer Implementation Guide 283c928862819d20…	AHP-2026-09-29-A	2026-10-06	52	the name of the Flock employee listed as main contact and the accounts-payable email address (a named mailbox) blacked out; the pages are new images of the City's scan; the City's own black boxes are as produced; document properties cleared

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City Council and TIFA memos on license plate readers (6 pages): Council agenda item 9D for June 6, 2022 (ten Flock cameras, not to exceed $28,500); a TIFA memo of June 7, 2022 (12 cameras in TIF District B, not to exceed $34,200); Council agenda item 7a for July 10, 2023 (a five-year Flock agreement, not to exceed $55,000 a year) `22425fdd2b2540ff…`	AHP-2026-09-29-A	2026-10-06	6	none (document metadata removed)
General Order #5.3, Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR), effective September 1, 2022 (7 pages; reevaluation date September 1, 2025) `9d8f2de5e15de9b0…`	AHP-2026-09-29-A	2026-10-06	7	none (document metadata removed)
Flock deployment tracker, file dated October 5, 2026: 24 devices marked installed, 22 LPR cameras numbered #01 to #22 and 2 compute boxes, with location names, coordinates and install dates from September 15, 2022 to April 8, 2024 `85f2af3262a84c97…`	AHP-2026-09-29-A	2026-10-06		none (file as produced)
Word file giving the address of the City's page of meeting agendas and minutes, https://www.auburnhills.org/government/mayor-city-council/meeting-minutes-agendas/ (file name as produced: "City of Auburn Hills Public Website Link to Locate Public Safety Advisory Committee and City Council Agendas, Minutes and Votes Regarding Flock Safety") `e01e71a486108203…`	AHP-2026-09-29-A	2026-10-06		document properties cleared
Hot List Alert Summary, October 5, 2026 (1 page, a scan; file name as produced: Hot List Alert Summary 10052026): totals of official and custom hot-list alerts, alerts by topic, and a chart of daily hits by source type `6c27ac1a54f275a5…`	AHP-2026-09-29-B	2026-10-08	1	none needed (no names, plates or contact details on the page); rotated 180 degrees because the scan is upside down; document properties cleared

Document	Request	Received	Pages	Redaction
Public Safety Advisory Committee minutes, May 24, 2022 (new business item c, the purchase and installation of ten Automatic License Plate Readers: Flock Safety recommended to City Council as the vendor, not to exceed $28,500, carried 4-0) `01b0f8d6de42b94f…`	none (published by the agency)	2026-10-08	8	the names of Police Department officers below the Deputy Chief blacked out in the page image and removed from the text layer, their rank and words kept; the name of the Police Records Clerk who took the minutes blacked out the same way; otherwise the City's minutes as copied from its Laserfiche WebLink archive (the archive's own PDF: page images with the archive's text layer); document properties cleared
City Council minutes, Jun 6, 2022 (Item 9d, To approve the purchase of Automatic License Plate Readers: ten Flock Safety cameras, not to exceed $28,500, Resolution No. 22.06.85, carried 7-0; the consent agenda received the Public Safety Advisory Committee minutes of May 24, 2022) `01664f9683ad6910…`	none (published by the agency)	2026-10-08	18	the names and street addresses of the members of the public who spoke at public comment (Section 6, page 1) blacked out, their words kept; the names of Police Department officers below the Deputy Chief blacked out in the page image and removed from the text layer, their rank and words kept; otherwise the City's minutes as copied from its Laserfiche WebLink archive (the archive's own PDF: page images with the archive's text layer); document properties cleared

Document	Request	Received	Pages	Redaction
Tax Increment Finance Authority minutes, Jun 14, 2022 (Item D, Proposal to Purchase Automatic License Plate Readers: 12 Flock Safety cameras for TIF District B and a $34,200 budget amendment, motion carried) ab9e1f13d4be58eb…	none (published by the agency)	2026-10-08	6	the names of Police Department officers below the Deputy Chief blacked out in the page image and removed from the text layer, their rank and words kept; otherwise the City's minutes as copied from its Laserfiche WebLink archive (the archive's own PDF: page images with the archive's text layer); document properties cleared
Public Safety Advisory Committee minutes, Feb 28, 2023 (Police Department annual report review: update on License Plate Readers, 22 cameras, plate reads and hits) 2c629b10a0cb51ff…	none (published by the agency)	2026-10-08	8	the names of Police and Fire Department officers and firefighters below the Deputy Chief blacked out in the page image and removed from the text layer, their rank and words kept; the name of the Fire Department Clerk who took the minutes blacked out the same way; otherwise the City's minutes as copied from its Laserfiche WebLink archive (the archive's own PDF: page images with the archive's text layer); document properties cleared
City Council minutes, Jul 10, 2023 (consent item 7a, To Approve a Five-Year Service Agreement with Flock Safety: not to exceed $55,000 annually; consent agenda adopted, Resolution No. 23.07.074, carried 6-0) c5f478682c5eff1e…	none (published by the agency)	2026-10-08	4	none (the City's minutes as copied from the City's agendas-and-minutes page; document metadata removed)

What we sent

Our requests, as filed, with contact details omitted. Where a request was filed through a NextRequest portal, its number links to its page there. Some portals show that page only to the requester and the agency.

Document	Request	Sent	Pages
Our request AHP-2026-09-29-A, Part A (documents), as filed	AHP-2026-09-29-A	2026-09-29	2
Our request AHP-2026-09-29-B, Part B (system exports), as filed	AHP-2026-09-29-B	2026-09-29	2
Our reply, October 5, 2026, 5:00 pm: the $35.00 fee paid through the City's online payment page under reservation; asks which item the box for records that are not public records referred to, and for the item 7 certificate	AHP-2026-09-29-A	2026-10-05	1
Our reply, October 5, 2026, 5:03 pm: the $56.00 fee paid under reservation; a disc by mail accepted; asks that the files be the system's exports with redactions made in the file, which items and fields the redaction touches, and the earliest date the audit tool accepts	AHP-2026-09-29-B	2026-10-05	1
Our reply, October 5, 2026, 2:24 pm: asks the City to confirm the second request is processed separately, which items the three boxes cover, and to reconsider the fee (no factor identified; the search rate) and decide the waiver request; not an appeal	AHP-2026-09-29-A	2026-10-05	1
Our message on the exports request, October 7, 2026: thanks for the answers of October 5 and 6, the Request A records and the explanation of the overlaps and the disc; the request text has been tightened to reduce the overlap	AHP-2026-09-29-B	2026-10-07	1

Requests and responses

The record of each request: dates, fees and the agency's determination, as on the Requests page. "Agency's determination" is the agency's own answer. "Where it stands" is our coding of the request's status. Once we have checked the records produced against the request, it says whether they covered every item requested or some of them; while questions that could close the gaps are with the agency, it waits for the answers.

Request	AHP-2026-09-29-A · text as sent
Sent	2026-09-29; counted as received 2026-09-30
Response due	2026-10-07
Answered	2026-10-05, 3 business days after receipt

Agency's determination	Granted in part, denied in part
Fee	$35.00 first stated
Fee waiver	Denied
Paid	$35.00
Where it stands	Records produced. Our file is closed (`produced` in the codebook)

Request	AHP-2026-09-29-B · text as sent
Sent	2026-09-29; counted as received 2026-09-30
Response due	2026-10-07
Answered	2026-10-05, 3 business days after receipt
Agency's determination	Granted in part, denied in part
Fee	$56.00 first stated
Fee waiver	Denied
Paid	$56.00
Where it stands	Records produced. Our file is closed (`produced` in the codebook)

Right of reply

A draft of the records and analysis was sent to the agency (FOIA coordinator; chief) on 2026-10-12. The agency has not corrected the draft or commented on it. Any reply will appear here in full.

Elsewhere on the site

Other pages that mention Auburn Hills PD. Charts and maps are left out of this copy (each chart's title is printed), and so are tables that list every agency's rows together. A statement that another page repeats word for word is printed once, and a long table shows its first ten rows.

From the page “Immigration terms in search reasons” (https://michiganplatereaders.org/immigration/)

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From the page “Camera map” (https://michiganplatereaders.org/map/)

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