# Michigan Plate Readers

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## Bloomfield Township 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 C. Entries in the case-number field are counted and not shown.

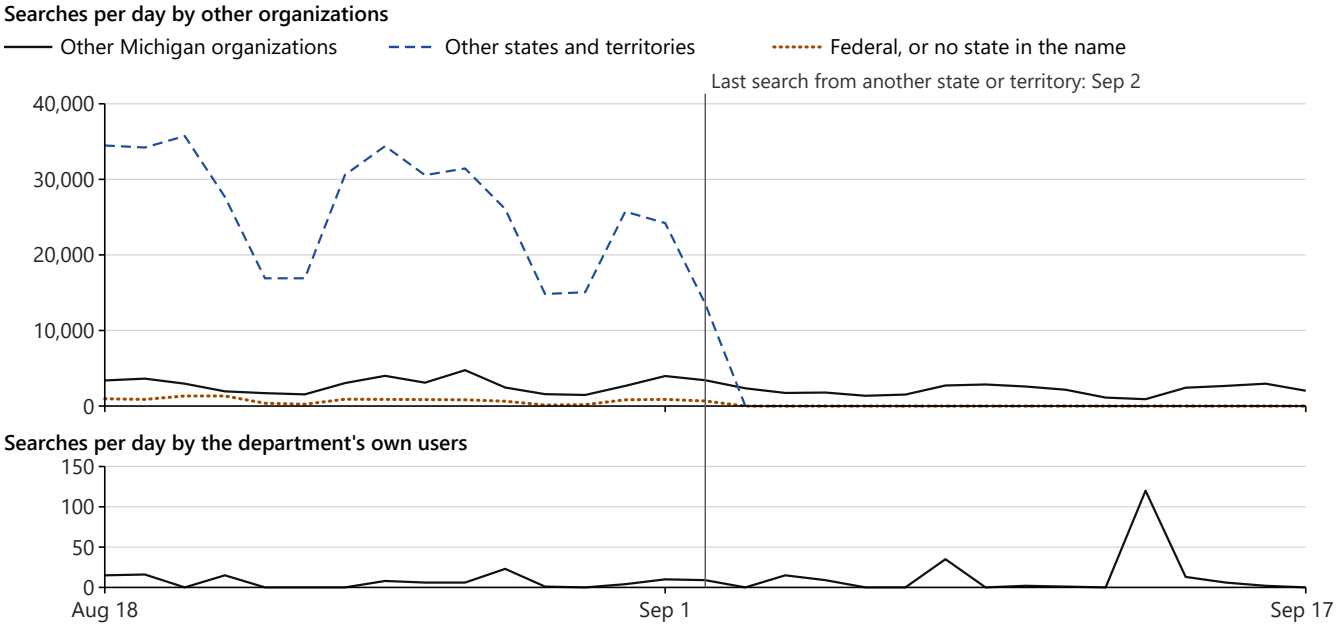



**Figure 1.** Searches whose scope included the department's cameras, per day, by the searching organization's state, August 18 to September 17, 2026. Counted from the network audit files listed under C; days are Michigan dates. A search counts once however many networks it spanned; the audit does not show whether a read from the department's cameras was returned. Own users: searches by users of Bloomfield Twp 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.

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

The department's own users ran 316 of the 501,344 searches in the network audit (under 0.1 percent); users at other organizations ran 501,028 (over 99.9 percent). The network audit lists 501,344 searches between August 18 and September 17, 2026 (31 days) whose scope included the department's cameras: 501,028 by users at 2,835 other organizations and 316 by the department's own users. Shares are of all 501,344. The 25 other organizations with the most searches:

| | Organization | State | Listed | Days | Searches | Share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | California Highway Patrol | CA | no | 16 | 21,264 | 4.2% |
| 2 | Houston TX PD | TX | no | 16 | 19,432 | 3.9% |
| 3 | Michigan State Police | MI | yes | 31 | 11,442 | 2.3% |
| 4 | [Federal] Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) | Federal | no | 16 | 9,781 | 2.0% |
| 5 | Louisville Metro KY PD | KY | no | 16 | 7,925 | 1.6% |
| 6 | Hillsborough County FL SO | FL | no | 16 | 5,138 | 1.0% |
| 7 | Cleveland OH Division of Police | OH | no | 16 | 5,106 | 1.0% |
| 8 | Wichita KS PD | KS | no | 16 | 4,654 | 0.9% |
| 9 | Kent County MI SO | MI | yes | 31 | 4,648 | 0.9% |
| 10 | Harris County TX SO | TX | no | 16 | 4,488 | 0.9% |
| 11 | Palm Beach County FL SO | FL | no | 16 | 4,383 | 0.9% |
| 12 | Lexington KY PD | KY | no | 16 | 3,722 | 0.7% |
| 13 | Grand Rapids MI PD | MI | yes | 31 | 3,532 | 0.7% |
| 14 | Pinellas County FL SO | FL | no | 16 | 3,364 | 0.7% |
| 15 | Toledo OH PD | OH | no | 16 | 3,282 | 0.7% |
| 16 | Warren MI PD | MI | yes | 31 | 3,082 | 0.6% |
| 17 | Southfield MI PD | MI | yes | 31 | 3,056 | 0.6% |
| 18 | Chicago IL PD | IL | no | 16 | 2,938 | 0.6% |
| 19 | Missouri State Highway Patrol | MO | no | 16 | 2,933 | 0.6% |
| 20 | Oakland County MI SO | MI | yes | 31 | 2,751 | 0.5% |
| 21 | Chesapeake VA PD | VA | no | 16 | 2,730 | 0.5% |
| 22 | KY - Kentucky State Police | KY | no | 16 | 2,711 | 0.5% |
| 23 | Texas Department of Public Safety | TX | no | 15 | 2,708 | 0.5% |
| 24 | Kansas City MO PD | MO | no | 16 | 2,705 | 0.5% |
| 25 | Indianapolis Metro PD IN | IN | no | 16 | 2,649 | 0.5% |
| | Other organizations (2,810) | | | | 360,604 | 71.9% |

Listed: on the sharing list (FOIA #3 Sharing config.csv); in only: only under its column Networks Shared With Me. Days: the dates, of 31, on which the organization ran at least one of these searches.

By where the organization is: other states and territories 412,345 (82.2 percent); Michigan 77,090 (15.4 percent, the department's own included); federal 11,089 (2.2 percent); no state in the name 820 (0.2 percent).

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

Sharing list. FOIA #3 Sharing config.csv lists 194 organizations. Of the 2,835 other organizations in the network audit, 2,678 do not appear on it; they ran 423,121 searches (84.4 percent). One appears only under Networks Shared With Me and ran 1,276 (0.3 percent).

Search Type, as the export records it: lookup 326,531; lookup - Mobile 110,128; search 48,438; search - Mobile 14,755; convoy 1,003; multiGeo 357; searchSummary - Mobile 55; visual 51; freeform 22; visual - Mobile 4.

| Reason, in our groups | Searches | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Drugs/Narcotics | 72,486 | 14.5% |
| Wanted Person (Arrest Warrant/Fugitive) | 58,996 | 11.8% |
| Motor Vehicle Theft/Stolen | 58,355 | 11.6% |
| Larceny/Theft Offenses | 38,172 | 7.6% |
| Traffic Infraction | 27,218 | 5.4% |
| Hit and Run/Car Accident | 21,551 | 4.3% |
| Other | 21,422 | 4.3% |
| Weapons Offense (Guns/Shots Fired) | 18,337 | 3.7% |
| All other groups (320) | 184,807 | 36.9% |

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 C.

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

The search audit lists 290 searches by the department's own users between August 25 and September 21, 2026.

| Reason, in our groups | Searches | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Hit and Run/Car Accident | 172 | 59.3% |
| Burglary/Breaking & Entering | 33 | 11.4% |
| Larceny/Theft Offenses | 22 | 7.6% |
| Assault/Battery Offenses | 13 | 4.5% |
| Financial Crime (Embezzlement/Fraud) | 9 | 3.1% |
| Welfare Check | 9 | 3.1% |
| Secured Area Access Control | 8 | 2.8% |
| Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property | 6 | 2.1% |
| All other groups (6) | 18 | 6.2% |

All 290 searches have an entry in the case-number field. The entries are not shown.

**C. Sources**

| File, as the department sent it | What it is | Searches dated | Rows |
|---|---|---|---|
| FOIA #4 Network audit.csv | network audit | Aug 18, 2026 to Sep 17, 2026 | 501,344 |
| FOIA #5 Search audit.csv | search audit | Aug 25, 2026 to Sep 21, 2026 | 290 |
| FOIA #3 Sharing config.csv | sharing list, 194 organizations; the export carries no date | | |

The files were received September 24, 2026, in response to request 26-1065. 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.

# Bloomfield Township Police Department

Oakland County, Michigan

Published The agency answered 26-956 on Aug 26, 2026 (business day 4, no extension): granted, at no charge; produced for some of the items requested. It answered 26-1065 on Sep 22, 2026 (business day 6, after extending its time): granted, with a fee first stated at $160.44; $129.52 paid Sep 24, 2026; produced for some of the items requested; our appeal of the fee, sent Sep 22, 2026, was withdrawn by us Sep 24, 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**
>
> 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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> ANALYSIS This is our reading of the records, labeled so it is never mistaken for a record.
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> Each agency gets a draft of its records and our analysis before they are published, and its reply is published in full (Methods).

The network audit lists 501,028 searches by 2,835 other organizations whose scope included Bloomfield's cameras between Aug 18, 2026 and Sep 17, 2026; 82.2 percent of the searches in the audit came from organizations outside Michigan. After September 2, 2026 every search in the audit came from a Michigan agency, and each of the 181 organizations that may search Bloomfield's cameras is a Michigan agency. Policy 5.14 requires an audit of at least ten inquiries; the Township has produced 4 memos, each reporting no policy violations.

STATUS
Active

CAMERAS
20 cameras

RETENTION
21 days

ANNUAL COST
$54,000 a year for 18 cameras

SEARCHES BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
501,028 by 2,835 organizations, Aug 18, 2026 to Sep 17, 2026

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

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

AUDITS UNDER ITS OWN POLICY
4 audit memos in the records

ORGANIZATIONS IT SHARES WITH
181 organizations, 181 of them in Michigan

OWN POLICE DEPARTMENT
Yes

RECORDS REQUESTS
26-956 (text): answered 2026-08-26; produced for some of the items requested; closed
26-1065 (text): answered 2026-09-22; produced for some of the items requested; closed

TRANSPARENCY PORTAL
transparency.flocksafety.com/bloomfield-twp-mi-pd

## Timeline

| Date | Event | Source |
|---|---|---|
| May 11, 2023 | A Police Captain signs Flock's Data Sharing MOU, a five-year agreement giving the department access to the Flock platform. | MOU |
| Jul 10, 2023 | Board of Trustees approves acquiring nine Flock cameras, 6-0 on a voice vote, on the condition that the Police Department obtain Board approval if camera technology is enhanced, facial recognition in particular (item 9, "Presentation of Flock License Plate Reader Cameras"). | Minutes |
| Jul 24, 2023 | Board of Trustees amends its agenda, 7-0, at a Trustee's request to reconsider the July 10 approval, then tables the discussion, 7-0, to its August 14 meeting. | Minutes |
| Aug 14, 2023 | Board of Trustees approves nine cameras, 6-1, on an agenda item titled "Reconsider Approval of Installing Flock License Plate Reader Cameras", with a condition that the Department obtain Board approval if camera technology is enhanced, facial recognition in particular. | Agenda and minutes |
| Oct 10, 2023 | First Flock invoice, $29,350 under purchase order 177: $13,500 for nine cameras (half of year one) and $15,850 in implementation fees. | Invoices |

| Date | Event | Source |
|---|---|---|
| Feb to Mar 2024 | Seven of the nine "New Deal" cameras installed; the inventory dates the other two December 18, 2024. | Inventory |
| Apr 1, 2024 | Chief James Gallagher signs an Order Form for nine more cameras, $61,050 over 24 months. | Order Form |
| Apr to Oct 2024 | Nine "Phase 2" cameras installed. | Inventory |
| Nov 27, 2024 | First audit memo: 18 cameras, 40 authorized users, no violations. | Memos |
| Apr 15, 2025 | Second audit memo, covering November 2024 to April 2025. | Memos |
| Sep 2025 | Two "Lincoln Rd" cameras installed. | Inventory |
| May 26, 2026 | Third audit memo: 18 cameras, 81 authorized users, no violations. | Memos |
| Jun 25, 2026 | Two invoices of $27,000 each, nine cameras apiece, for 2026–2027. | Invoices |
| Aug 19, 2026 | Fourth audit memo, covering May 2 to August 19, 2026: 18 cameras, 81 authorized users, no violations. | Memos |
| Aug 31, 2026 | Policy 5.14A takes effect: retention cut from 30 days to 21, and a new prohibition on using the system for immigration enforcement. | Policy 5.14A |
| Sep 1, 2026 | Flock confirms 21-day retention on both of the Department's camera networks after the Department's 911 supervisor replies "Yes, please." | Emails |
| Sep 2, 2026 | Last search by any organization other than a Michigan agency whose scope included the Township's cameras, at 2:41 pm. Only Michigan agencies appear in the network audit after it. | Network audit by day |

## What the program is

> RECORD The department signed Flock's Data Sharing MOU on May 11, 2023. The MOU grants "a non-exclusive, non-transferable right to access the features and functions of the Flock Service" for a five-year term. The Board of Trustees approved nine cameras on July 10, 2023 and, on reconsideration, again on August 14, 2023. The minutes of August 14 record members discussing "that given the trust provided to the Township's police department, it may be necessary to install the cameras to view what other law enforcement agencies are seeing", and police staff telling the Board that "the cameras would not be linked to the Law Enforcement Information Network ('LEIN') or any database from the Secretary of State because Flock is a private company."
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> ANALYSIS The MOU is dated two months before the Board's approval of July 10, 2023 and three months before its vote of August 14, 2023.

RECORD The minutes of the Board's regular meeting of July 10, 2023 record, under item 9, "Presentation of Flock License Plate Reader Cameras", that the Police Chief and an Investigations Lieutenant "asked for approval to strategically place nine Flock Safety automatic license plate reader cameras at major thoroughfares within the Township", that "all data is to be deleted after thirty days", and that the Board "determined they will review the practice annually and must approve any expansion in technological capabilities, especially facial recognition." The motion "to APPROVE Acquiring Nine Flock Safety Automatic License Plate Reader Cameras as Presented and to Require the Police Department to Obtain Approval from the Board of Trustees if Camera Technology is Enhanced, Especially Pertaining to Facial Recognition" was adopted 6-0 on a voice vote. Our first request asked for the agendas, minutes and recorded votes of any board authorizing the purchase; the Township produced the Board's resolution of August 14, 2023 and nothing from its meetings of July 10 and July 24, 2023.

QUESTION Did the Department use the Flock network before the Board approved cameras in 2023? The Data Sharing MOU, signed May 11, 2023, grants access to "the features and functions of the Flock Service"; the minutes of August 14, 2023 record members of the Board discussing that "it may be necessary to install the cameras to view what other law enforcement agencies are seeing".

RECORD The Board approved nine cameras. The inventory lists twenty, in three deployments. The Order Form of April 1, 2024 covers nine.

RECORD Our follow-up asked for any Board action authorizing the second nine cameras and the two Lincoln Road cameras, or a written statement that none was taken. The Township produced the August 14, 2023 agenda and minutes.

ANALYSIS The condition in the Board's 2023 motion concerns enhanced camera technology, facial recognition in particular, and does not speak to the number of cameras. The Township's published Board of Trustees minutes from January 8, 2024 through September 14, 2026, which we searched on October 7, 2026, carry no item on Flock or license plate readers.

QUESTION Did the Board act on the eleven cameras beyond the nine it approved in 2023?

RECORD Flock billed the Township $184,900 on 8 invoices from October 2023 through June 2026: two separate sets of nine cameras, each billed at $3,000 per camera per year, plus one-time implementation fees of $15,850 on the first invoice and $7,050 on the April 2024 invoice. The invoices show amounts billed and do not show payments. The 2026 invoices total $54,000 a year for 18 cameras.

GAP No invoice mentions the two Lincoln Road cameras, and no order form, quote, or amendment was produced for the first nine cameras (the first invoice cites purchase order 177) or for Lincoln Road. The two memos written after the Lincoln Road cameras were installed, in May and August 2026, count 18 cameras; the inventory lists 20.

QUESTION Who owns and pays for the Lincoln Road cameras? The sharing configuration and Flock's retention email both list "Lincoln Rd (MI)" as a network separate from "Bloomfield Twp MI PD".

RECORD Policy 5.14, the MOU of May 2023 and the Order Form of April 2024 each set a 30-day retention period. On September 1, 2026, Flock asked the Department's 911 supervisor to confirm a change of both camera networks to 21-day retention; the supervisor replied "Yes, please." and Flock

confirmed the change complete the same day. Policy 5.14A, marked effective August 31, 2026, changes the retention sentence to "twenty-one (21) days" and adds a section prohibiting use of the system for immigration enforcement; no other sentence changed.

QUESTION Why was retention shortened, and who decided it? The produced emails begin with Flock's reply; the Department's own request was not produced, and no memo or approval record was.

ANALYSIS Flock completed the change six days after the Township answered our first request and eleven days before we asked about it. Flock's message of September 1 says "Thank you for following up and I do apologize for our delay in response here", so the Department had asked Flock before that day; the records do not give the date of its request or say whether the change and our request are related.

## What it does

RECORD The Township's audit memos report 40 authorized users in November 2024 and 81 in May 2026. The search audit for July 27 to August 21, 2026 shows 331 searches by about 25 distinct users, each with an offense category. The second export, for Aug 25, 2026 to Sep 21, 2026, shows 290 searches, 172 of them coded hit-and-run, including 113 mobile plate lookups on a single case in one day.

RECORD The search audit includes a column that counts the camera networks each search covered; the CSV version the Township produced in September 2026 labels it "Total Networks Searched", and the Township's sharing configuration shows that one organization can operate several networks. In the first export, 109 searches covered between 927 and 970 networks and three covered more than 6,100. In the second, the median search covered 292 networks, 25 covered 900 or more, and one covered 6,026. The Order Form lists "State Network (License Plate Lookup Only)" and "Nationwide Network (License Plate Lookup Only)" among the included features.

ANALYSIS Searches in the 900s are consistent with a statewide sharing pool. Searches above 6,000 are consistent with the nationwide lookup feature listed on the Township's Order Form.

RECORD The Township's first response did not include its sharing list or a network audit, and its transparency portal does not publish them. Both were produced on September 24, 2026 in response to request 26-1065. The sharing configuration, which carries no export date, lists 194 organizations: 181 may search Bloomfield's cameras, 180 share their cameras with Bloomfield, and 167 do both. Every organization that may search Bloomfield's cameras is a Michigan agency. The organizations that share in and cannot search Bloomfield are five Michigan police agencies, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, six private or community organizations and a row named "Deactivated Users".

RECORD The network audit lists 501,028 searches by users at 2,835 other organizations, and 316 by the Township's own users, whose scope included Bloomfield's cameras between Aug 18, 2026 and Sep 17, 2026. 82.2 percent came from organizations outside Michigan and 11,089 from 6 organizations the export tags [Federal], led by the FBI and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. The largest single searcher was the California Highway Patrol, with 21,264 searches. The median search covered 2,170 networks.

ANALYSIS The audit records searches whose scope included Bloomfield's cameras. It does not show whether any search returned a read from one of them; a search run across every network open to the searcher counts once, and 86.5 percent of the searches spanned a thousand or more networks. Of the 2,835 other searching organizations, 2,678 do not appear in the 194-organization configuration. The Order Form lists statewide and nationwide network features, each marked "License Plate Lookup Only", and neither version of the Township's policy mentions them; the audit's Search Type column also records searches from outside Michigan of the types "search", "convoy" and "multiGeo", so those two features do not explain every search. No produced record shows which setting put the Township's cameras in scope.

RECORD The last search by any organization outside Michigan in the audit is timed September 2, 2026 at 2:41 pm. The 32,540 searches in the following fifteen days all came from Michigan agencies, and the median search scope falls by more than half.

QUESTION Did a sharing setting change on September 2, 2026? If so, what changed and who changed it, and was the Department enrolled in Flock's statewide and nationwide networks before then? No produced record says.

RECORD None of the organizations that searched the Department's cameras is ICE, Customs and Border Protection or Homeland Security Investigations itself; where those agencies appear in the counts below, it is in the reasons other organizations recorded. The export masks user names. Under our coding rules (Methods), 1 search in the network audit is recorded as an immigration search. Another 159 searches are not recorded as immigration searches: 158 name HSI (Homeland Security Investigations) and 1 names CBP (Customs and Border Protection) in other casework, most often under the categories Drugs/Narcotics (93) and Larceny/Theft Offenses (40). All 160 of these searches were run by other organizations and none by the Department's own users; most came from police agencies outside Michigan and the rest from Michigan agencies. The export does not define the abbreviations. Policy 5.14A, effective August 31, 2026, prohibits the Department's own users from using the system for immigration enforcement; it does not govern other agencies' searches.

RECORD Between February 1, 2024 and September 22, 2026 the Township's cameras generated 55,510 hot-list alerts: 45,507 under the topic "Non Owned Custom Hotlist Alert", 5,584 from Michigan state lists (wanted persons, stolen vehicles, stolen plates, missing persons), 4,416 from NCIC lists, and 3 from the Department's own custom lists. The Department's custom hot-list log records 150 entries, changes and deletions by 14 users since February 2024.

GAP Policy 5.14 requires supervisor approval and documentation for custom hot-list entries. No approval record, badge number, or per-alert outcome report was produced, and every License field in the produced log is blank. The response does not say whether plates were removed and cites no exemption.

QUESTION Policy 5.14 defines a hot list as "Data files extracted from the law enforcement databases including, but not limited to: NCIC, SOS, LEIN, and local police department Be on the Lookouts (BOLO)." The Order Form lists "Real-Time NCIC Alerts" as a feature, and the alert totals include topics that begin "MI -". What is the source of the Michigan lists, and is any of them drawn from LEIN or a Secretary of State database?

## Oversight

RECORD Policy 5.14 requires an audit "bi-annually", sampling at least 10 inquiries, documented in a memorandum to the Chief. The Township has now produced 4 memos: November 27, 2024 (February to November 2024); April 15, 2025 (November 2024 to April 2025), which was not included in the first production; May 26, 2026 (January 1 to May 1, 2026); and August 19, 2026 (May 2 to August 19, 2026). Each reports no policy violations. None lists the inquiries sampled.

GAP No memo covers May through December 2025. The follow-up asked for any memo or working papers covering December 2024 through December 2025, and to be told if none exists; the Township produced the April 2025 memo and said nothing about the rest of that period. No working papers or sample lists were produced for any audit; the follow-up asked for both.

QUESTION What do the Department's audits cover? Policy 5.14 describes a sample of at least ten inquiries "in accordance with the authorized users", which we read as the Department's own searches. The network audit shows that more than 99 percent of the searches whose scope included the Township's cameras in August and September 2026 were run by other organizations. Has any audit reviewed those searches, or the organizations behind them? The follow-up asked for the audits' working papers and sample lists. None were produced, and the Township did not say whether any exist.

## How the agency answered

RECORD The September 2026 network audit masks user names, license plates and case numbers as "***". The September search audit masks user names and license plates the same way and shows case numbers. The August 2026 search-audit print showed user names. In every public copy we black out or pseudonymize officers' names and drop case numbers.

### What the Township produced

On the first request, seven files totaling 49 pages. Six are image-only PDFs with no text layer, one 300-dpi bitmap per page; the policy is a native Word export.

On the follow-up, eighteen files: three native CSV exports (sharing configuration, network audit, search audit), eight Flock invoices and the revised policy as text PDFs, the hot-list event log and a one-page table of alert totals as text PDFs, and image-only scans of the 2023 Board agenda and minutes, the four audit memos, and the retention-change emails. Public copies of the invoices, memos and emails have contact details and internal names removed; the network audit and hot-list log are published as data only.

## 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Policy 5.14 Flock Cameras (Bloomfield Township PD) `a4a9fef2cbc1ffb4…` | 26-956 | 2026-08-26 | 7 | document properties cleared |
| Board of Trustees resolution, Aug 14, 2023 (nine cameras approved 6-1) `623ea40d1de24e84…` | 26-956 | 2026-08-26 | 1 | the name of a Township officer below the Deputy Chief (the Community Relations Officer) blacked out, the title kept; document properties cleared |
| Flock Data Sharing MOU, signed May 11, 2023 `ea09cc08c450c9e0…` | 26-956 | 2026-08-26 | 6 | none: the Township's signer, a Police Captain, is named with the signature (an authorized signer on a vendor agreement); Flock's General Counsel, who signed for Flock, named with the signature (an officer of the company); document properties cleared |
| Flock Order Form (Apr 1, 2024) and invoice INV-97288 (Jun 25, 2026) `4f401dd6bafd4354…` | 26-956 | 2026-08-26 | 8 | billing contact name and email addresses removed; the name of the Flock employee listed as main contact blacked out; Flock's General Counsel, who signed for Flock, named with the signature (an officer of the company); document properties cleared |
| Camera inventory: deployments, install dates, coordinates `e20a14bba7e3b796…` | 26-956 | 2026-08-26 | 2 | document properties cleared |
| Internal Flock audit memos (Nov 27 2024, May 26 2026, Aug 19 2026) `9b64311aee21f84e…` | 26-956 | 2026-08-26 | 3 | names of the sending and receiving officers removed; ranks retained; document properties cleared |
| Flock search audit, searches run Jul 27 to Aug 21, 2026 (331 searches) `349b04321fde1616…` | 26-956 | 2026-08-26 | 22 | names of officers who ran searches and all case numbers blacked out; document properties cleared |

| Document | Request | Received | Pages | Redaction |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Township message closing request 26-956, August 26, 2026: request granted, documents uploaded 5621d4b02613f0bf… | 26-956 | 2026-08-26 | 1 | the FOIA Coordinator Designee's name left out; message text copied from the request's public portal page, rendered to PDF; link text is shown without the link addresses; our note at the top; document properties cleared |
| Invoice 433033 on request 26-1065: $160.44, two hours at $80.22 (Sgt.) 422c7cc4a38bb5ef… | 26-1065 | 2026-09-22 | 1 | requester's address, phone and email removed; online payment link removed; the FOIA Coordinator Designee's name blacked out; document properties cleared |
| Fee Calculation Form on request 26-1065 (Sept 22): search labor, Police, factor 2, 2.00 h x $79.20 = $158.40 fbf6d345665ec753… | 26-1065 | 2026-09-22 | 3 | the preparer's name after "Completed by:" on page 3 blacked out; document properties cleared |
| Hourly rate calculation for FOIA, Police Department, 2026: sergeant base rate $52.80/h, benefits capped at 50% of the base rate ($26.40), allowed FOIA rate $79.20 ba3ed8708d10338e… | 26-1065 | 2026-09-22 | 1 | employee's name removed; position and figures retained; written as page images, the visible text kept as a text layer; document properties cleared |
| Revised Fee Calculation Form on request 26-1065 (Sept 24): Police 1.50 h x $79.20, Clerk 0.25 h x $18.83, Accounting 0.25 h x $24.04 = $129.52 acc3c12e4f854525… | 26-1065 | 2026-09-24 | 3 | document properties cleared |
| Hourly rate calculation for FOIA, Accounting, 2026: accounting clerk $24.04/h 45b6fecc1610106b… | 26-1065 | 2026-09-24 | 1 | employee's name removed; position and figures retained; written as page images, the visible text kept as a text layer; document properties cleared |
| Hourly rate calculation for FOIA, Clerk's Department, 2026: part-time election intern $18.83/h 7ad009c1e426bee2… | 26-1065 | 2026-09-24 | 1 | employee's name removed; position and figures retained; written as page images, the visible text kept as a text layer; document properties cleared |

| Document | Request | Received | Pages | Redaction |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Township message on request 26-1065, September 24, 2026: public-interest waiver denied; the two factors used for an unreasonably high cost<br>bb33e7f96ca8c0cf… | 26-1065 | 2026-09-24 | 1 | the FOIA Coordinator Designee's name left out; portal message text as received, rendered to PDF; our note at the top; document properties cleared |
| Township message closing request 26-1065, September 24, 2026: request granted, documents uploaded<br>05102d1f2fb246b1… | 26-1065 | 2026-09-24 | 1 | the FOIA Coordinator Designee's name left out; message text copied from the request's public portal page, rendered to PDF; link text is shown without the link addresses; our note at the top; document properties cleared |
| Flock invoices Oct 2023 to Jun 2026, page 1 of each of 8 ($184,900 in total)<br>2985c8b6d7fc4f59… | 26-1065 | 2026-09-24 | 8 | billing contact name and email removed; remittance page with bank details omitted; a bank account number printed on page 1 of one invoice removed; document properties cleared |
| Policy 5.14A Flock Cameras, effective 2026-08-31 (21-day retention; no immigration-enforcement use)<br>d59413c0d5e09793… | 26-1065 | 2026-09-24 | 8 | none (document metadata removed) |
| Hot-list alert totals by topic, Feb 1, 2024 to Sep 22, 2026 (55,510 alerts)<br>ee7e3c12c3c0a69e… | 26-1065 | 2026-09-24 | 1 | none (document metadata removed; text outside a page's edge or cut off from view removed) |
| Board of Trustees agenda and minutes, Aug 14, 2023 (excerpt: agenda; roll call, Item 11 and adjournment)<br>da8ebfda8c07238b… | 26-1065 | 2026-09-24 | 5 | excerpt: agenda and the pages of the minutes covering the roll call, Item 11 and adjournment; members of the public who spoke, and the name of a Township officer below the Deputy Chief (the Community Relations Officer), are blacked out; document properties cleared |
| Internal Flock audit memos, 4 pages (Nov 27 2024, Apr 15 2025, May 26 2026, Aug 19 2026)<br>b3af19e7e628579d… | 26-1065 | 2026-09-24 | 4 | names of the sending and receiving officers removed; ranks retained where legible; document properties cleared |

| Document | Request | Received | Pages | Redaction |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Retention change emails with Flock, 2026-09-01 (21-day retention confirmed on both networks) 555d5833338a1a9e… | 26-1065 | 2026-09-24 | 2 | every personal name (mailbox owner, sender, recipients, the Flock associate, signature), email addresses, phone numbers, the Department street address and the Flock support case number blacked out; roles, timestamps and message bodies kept; document properties cleared |
| Board of Trustees minutes, Jul 10, 2023 (Item 9, Presentation of Flock License Plate Reader Cameras: nine cameras approved 6-0) 9d81911ff0103680… | none (published by the agency) | 2026-10-07 | 15 | the names of members of the public who addressed the Board at public comment, and the names of two Township officers below the Deputy Chief (a Community Relations Officer and an Investigations Lieutenant; each surname where it stands alone as well), blacked out; the links to the meeting video, agenda packet and exhibits removed, their words kept; otherwise the Township's published minutes as copied from its Documents-On-Demand portal; document properties cleared |
| Board of Trustees minutes, Jul 24, 2023 (agenda amended 7-0 to reconsider the Flock camera approval; tabled 7-0 to Aug 14, 2023) 97f68ff461e9b84a… | none (published by the agency) | 2026-10-07 | 16 | the names of members of the public who addressed the Board at public comment blacked out; the links to the meeting video, agenda packet and exhibits removed, their words kept; otherwise the Township's published minutes as copied from its Documents-On-Demand portal; document properties cleared |

## What we sent

Our requests and appeals, 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 26-956, as filed | 26-956 | 2026-08-19 | 1 |
| Our follow-up request 26-1065, as filed | 26-1065 | 2026-09-12 | 2 |
| Our appeal of the $160.44 fee to the Township Board, as sent | 26-1065 | 2026-09-22 | 3 |

| Document | Request | Sent | Pages |
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| Our reply on the 26-1065 thread, September 24, 2026, as posted | 26-1065 | 2026-09-24 | 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.

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| **Request** | 26-956 · text as sent |
| **Sent** | 2026-08-19; counted as received 2026-08-20 |
| **Response due** | 2026-08-27 |
| **Answered** | 2026-08-26, 4 business days after receipt |
| **Agency's determination** | Granted |
| **Fee** | None charged |
| **Fee waiver** | No fee charged |
| **Paid** | $0.00 |
| **Where it stands** | Produced for some of the items requested. Our file is closed (`produced_part` in the codebook) |

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| **Request** | 26-1065 · text as sent |
| **Sent** | 2026-09-12; counted as received 2026-09-14 |
| **Response due** | 2026-09-21; the agency's notice of 2026-09-15 extended it |
| **Answered** | 2026-09-22, 6 business days after receipt |
| **Agency's determination** | Granted |
| **Fee** | $160.44 first stated |
| **Fee waiver** | Denied |
| **Paid** | $129.52 |

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| **Where it stands** | Produced for some of the items requested. Our file is closed (`produced_part` in the codebook) |

### Appeals

| Appeal | Request | Sent | Outcome | Outcome date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fee appeal | 26-1065 | 2026-09-22 | Withdrawn by us | 2026-09-24 |

## Right of reply

A draft of the records and analysis was sent to the agency (FOIA coordinator; chief) on 2026-10-05. 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 Bloomfield Township 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/)

### Bloomfield Township PD

Here this page carries 1 statement printed earlier in this copy, in the same words. It is not repeated.

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

RECORD Bloomfield Township's inventory lists twenty Flock LPR cameras in three deployments: nine in the "New Deal" deployment (seven installed February and March 2024, two dated December 18, 2024), nine installed April through October 2024, and two on Lincoln Road installed September 2025. Every location name in the inventory includes Telegraph, Woodward, Square Lake, Maple, Lahser, Big Beaver, Opdyke or Franklin; the two Lincoln Road cameras are listed at Lincoln Road's corners with Telegraph and Lahser. The Department's audit memos describe 18 units that "cover both inbound and outbound vehicle traffic through Bloomfield Township".