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FOIA request under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 et seq.
Flock Safety / automated license plate reader (ALPR) program records: system exports.

The Records page asks for the Department's FOIA request form; this request contains each item the form calls for (name, address, telephone, email, and the records requested). If the Department requires the form itself, please tell me and I will return it the same day.

I request copies of the following records held in the Royal Oak Police Department's Flock Safety account. Each is data the system already stores; the Flock audit and reporting tools copy it to a CSV (or the format the system produces) with a standard export function, and that file is the copy I am requesting. For any item the system displays but does not export, a copy in whatever form the system provides is acceptable. Please provide each file by email or through your records portal, and your response by email (MCL 15.234(1)(c); MCL 15.235(10)). No paper copies or physical media are requested.

Time frame: items 1, 2 and 4, July 1, 2026 through the date the export is run; items 3, 5 and 6, as of the date the export is run. If the export tool limits each run to a fixed window (for example 30 days), please run consecutive exports so that the files together cover the period and send each file. It would help me to know the earliest date the tool will accept, so that I can request earlier periods separately.

1. Search audit (searches run by your users): all fields the export contains, including search ID, user, organization, total networks searched, time frame, license plate, reason, case number, filters, search time, and search type.

2. Network audit (searches of your cameras run by users of other organizations): all fields the export contains, including the searching organization, total networks searched, reason, search time, and search type.

3. Sharing configuration export as of the date the export is run, for each network the Royal Oak Police Department operates: the organizations that share camera data with the Royal Oak Police Department and the organizations the Royal Oak Police Department shares its camera data with, together with the sharing-settings record showing whether statewide and nationwide sharing are enabled.

4. Change logs: the hot-list event log (creation, update, and deletion of hot lists and their entries, with user and date), and any event log or audit trail the system keeps of changes to users, sharing settings, or retention, if the system provides one.

5. The hot-list alert summary or alert export the system produces (alerts by hot list or topic and date), and any alert-disposition report the system produces. If individual alerts drawn from LEIN or NCIC lists are withheld, the summary the system produces is sufficient for those.

6. User list export (authorized users and roles) as of the date the export is run.

These exports are copies of existing public records. Each entry is a writing (MCL 15.232(l)) recorded in the Royal Oak Police Department's Flock account at the moment a search, alert, or change occurs; the Royal Oak Police Department uses it in performing an official function, so it is a public record from the time it is created (MCL 15.232(i)) whether or not the Royal Oak Police Department owns the server on which Flock stores it, and computer-stored data is not software (MCL 15.232(j)). I am not asking for a

compilation, summary, or report (MCL 15.233(4)); furnishing a copy of an existing record is not creating a new one (MCL 15.233(1), (5)). If the Royal Oak Police Department has already run any of these exports for its own audits under its ALPR policy, I request those existing files as well. If the Royal Oak Police Department's position is that any item is not its public record, or does not exist until an export is run, please state that position and its basis in the written notice required by MCL 15.235(5), with the certificate described in MCL 15.235(5)(b) where you rely on non-existence.

If you believe individual case numbers, license plates, text prompts, or user names are exempt, please redact those fields within the CSV (replace the value and keep the column) rather than converting the file, leave every other field intact, including search time, organization, search type, total networks searched, time frame, filters, and the reason field (with any name or case number inside it redacted), and state the exemption relied on for each redacted field (MCL 15.244(1); MCL 15.235(5)(a), (c)). A role or pseudonym in place of a user name is acceptable.

Fees. I request a public-interest fee waiver or reduction under MCL 15.234(2): the records concern the operation and oversight of a public automated license plate reader program, and the findings will be published for the general public at no charge on a public website covering Michigan license plate reader programs, so furnishing them can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public. Running an export is labor directly associated with making a digital copy (MCL 15.234(1)(e)); labor for search, examination, and redaction may be charged only where failure to charge would result in unreasonably high costs because of the nature of this particular request and the public body specifically identifies the nature of those costs (MCL 15.234(3)). If you assess a fee, please send the estimate on your standard detailed-itemization form (MCL 15.234(4)), broken out by the numbered items above, and, if it exceeds \$50, the deposit notice under MCL 15.234(8), within the response period of MCL 15.235(2); I will narrow or confirm the request promptly. Thank you.