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From: Gary St. Vil
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2026 8:39 PM
To: Jason
Cc: Town Council Group
Subject: Follow-Up: Flock LPR Cameras Update
Attachments: 2.25.2026 TC Minutes.pdf

Hi Jason,

Thank you again for reaching out and for your continued engagement on this topic — I wanted to follow up and let you know that your questions were heard and addressed. As discussed in my previous email, I requested that the Police Department provide a public update on the Flock License Plate Reader (LPR) program. Chief John Rich attended the February 25 Town Council meeting and provided a detailed briefing that addressed many of the areas you raised.

At a high level, the update covered:

- **Program Overview:**
Four cameras were installed in November 2025 at key locations (Route 12, Route 117, and Route 214) as part of a two-year agreement.
- **Data Use & Retention:**
The system captures license plate images only (no facial recognition) and data is retained for **30 days**.
- **Safeguards & Oversight:**
Access to the system is restricted, requires user credentials and justification for each query, and is fully logged and auditable.
- **Data Sharing:**
Ledyard controls its own data. Information is not broadly shared with federal agencies and, when necessary, is only shared upon specific request in the context of an investigation.
- **Legal & Policy Constraints:**
The system is configured to comply with Connecticut law, including restrictions under the Trust Act, and cannot be used for immigration enforcement purposes.
- **Public Safety Impact:**
In the first several weeks of operation, the system generated hundreds of alerts, including those related to stolen plates, wanted individuals, protective orders, and missing persons.
- **Program Status:**
There are currently no plans to expand the program. The Department is continuing to evaluate effectiveness and placement.

I've attached the meeting minutes for your reference, which include a detailed summary of the presentation and discussion. You can also view the full presentation and discussion at the following link: https://ledyardct.granicus.com/player/clip/2029?view_id=1&redirect=true . I appreciate you raising these questions — they helped prompt a transparent, public discussion that benefits both the Council and the community.

Respectfully,

Gary A. St. Vil

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From: Jason <jason.malcolm@protonmail.com>
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To: Gary St. Vil <GSVil@ledyardct.org>
Cc: Jessica Buhle <Jbuh@ledyardct.org>; Town Council Group <TownCouncil@ledyardct.org>
Subject: Re: Flock LPR Cameras

Thank you for the update; I appreciate you seeking some more information on this. Look forward to any future news that can be shared on this.

-Jason Malcolm

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On Saturday, 02/21/26 at 15:36 Gary St. Vil <GSVil@ledyardct.org> wrote:

Hi Jason,

Thank you for reaching out and for reviewing the contract materials.

As you know, the Town Council previously voted to approve the Flock contract following a presentation at our December meeting. That said, questions involving privacy, data management, and public safety technology deserve continued transparency and review. In light of your inquiry and others that have been raised, I will be requesting an informational update from the Police Department regarding:

- Data retention and access policies
- Oversight safeguards and audit controls
- Information-sharing parameters
- Any reported public safety benefits to date

Once that information is presented publicly, the Council and residents will have the opportunity to better understand the program and its safeguards. I appreciate your engagement on this issue.

Respectfully,

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From: Jason <jason.malcolm@protonmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2026 12:03 PM
To: Jessica Buhle <Jbuh@ledyardct.org>
Cc: Gary St. Vil <GSVil@ledyardct.org>
Subject: Re: Question regarding Flock cameras in town

Thank you Jessica; look forward to hearing more soon.

-Jason Malcolm

On Friday, February 20th, 2026 at 12:00 PM, Jessica Buhle <Jbuh@ledyardct.org> wrote:

Good morning Jason,

Thank you for reaching out! I have forwarded your email to Chairman St. Vil for potential discussion. He is copied on this reply as well.

Thank you for sharing your concerns and feedback.

Best,

Jessica Buhle
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On Feb 20, 2026, at 11:21 AM, Jason
<jason.malcolm@protonmail.com> wrote:

Jessica,

Good morning; you might remember me as Danielle's husband (Raven's Rise Sourdough and all). I'm reaching out because I recently put in a FOIA request to find out some more info about the 4 Flock LPR (License Plate Reader) cameras that are in Gales Ferry and Ledyard and got back the info just yesterday. This has been an increasingly covered topic, with towns across the country and CT canceling/revising/pausing contracts with Flock because of privacy and safety concerns presented by the cameras as well as how the company improperly handles the camera footage.

I was hoping this might be something the Town Council would consider raising as a topic, primarily a discussion around 1) the contract that the town has entered into with Flock for a 24-month

period, at \$12,000 a year and 2) the concerns I, and perhaps other residents, might have about these and a discussion about removing them from the town. It is my understanding based on the requisition/invoice I received via the FOIA request that they were just installed in November or so, and the town is now past a 60-day period of time when the contract might have been able to be cancelled easily with no financial penalty.

Hoping this is the right place to reach out; I figured since we had interacted prior and your name was familiar I would start with you in reaching out compared to another on the council I wasn't familiar with.

Thank you,

-Jason Malcolm

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