

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	February 3, 2025
Action Required:	None
Presenter:	Michael Kochis, Police Chief
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Title:	FLOCK Pilot Progress Report

Background

In October 2024, The Charlottesville Police Department began its pilot program for Flock ALPR (automated license plate readers).

The process for implementing this program lasted over twelve months consisting of two City Council presentations and multiple community meetings where input and comments were taken about the program. As a result of this outreach, The Charlottesville Police Department began its pilot, first by developing a policy that reflects the feedback received from the community. The policy is robust, particularly in the area of the retention period in which data is maintained. The Charlottesville Police Department currently has the shortest retention period of data within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The policy, contract and details about the program and results are found on the Charlottesville Police Department transparency portal which is open to the public:

<https://transparency.flocksafety.com/charlottesville-va-pd>

Since implementation of the pilot program the system has been used to solve shootings, recover stolen vehicles, and locate a missing child who didn't show up to school. The program is currently being utilized to investigate the recent murder, which occurred on Water St. and countless other incidents.

Police Department audits have taken place and access to conduct audits have been granted to the Executive Director of the PCOB, (police civilian oversight board)

Discussion

A presentation will be delivered during the work session by Chief Kochis.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

Public Safety

Community Engagement

Continued engagement has been conducted throughout this process and will continue throughout.

Budgetary Impact

None at this time

Recommendation

NA

Alternatives**Attachments**

None