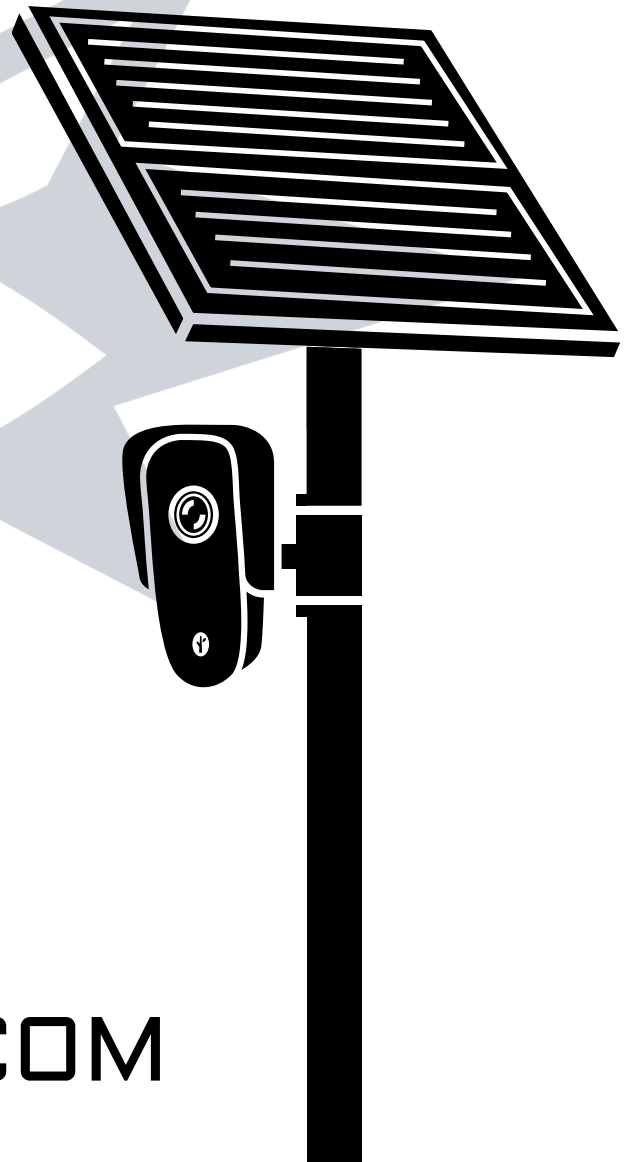


Flock Out Springfield 2026

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To City Council Members:

Flock Out SGF is asking Springfield City Council members to **hold a council vote before Nov 1, 2026** on continuing City's contract with Flock Group, INC.

Why does Springfield need a council vote?

The City entered a **\$225,000 partnership** with a private Surveillance Technology Company with **no oversight**, and **no public comment**. It's time to follow the example of other cities and vote on this contract through accountable channels.

Springfield timeline:

- Cameras first installed in 2022 on a trial basis, **without a council vote**.
- **10/06/2022** - Springfield signed a 1-year contract with Flock Safety for \$59,850 with **no council bill attached**.
- **05/08/2023** - The city council meeting is the **first mention of Flock cameras**.
- **05/13/2025** - Springfield **signed** a new 60-month **contract** with Flock Safety **for \$225,000**, payable at \$45,000 per year, with **no council bill attached**.
- **02/23/2026** - Our advocates speak at city council, marking what many councilors told us was their first ever knowledge of Flock Safety. Mayor requests City Manager report.
- **3/20/2026** - Flock Out SGF received a copy of the City Manager's report, analysis suggests it was AI generated.

About Flock, INC.

Flock Safety manufactures and operates Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs/LPRs). These cameras differ from traditional plate-only LPR models. These devices use AI to capture, analyze, and track vehicles, vehicle features, and pedestrians. Flock's network can provide continuous live feeds and still images on demand.

- Flock Safety has installed over 100,000 cameras nationwide, forming a network that processes more than 20 billion data inputs per month.
- Data is available to law enforcement agencies, and commercial businesses across the country.
- Data is stored "in the cloud" through AWS.
- In 2025 Flock Safety raised over \$275M with investments from Peter Thiel's Founders Fund, and various other venture capital groups.

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Flock Group Inc.

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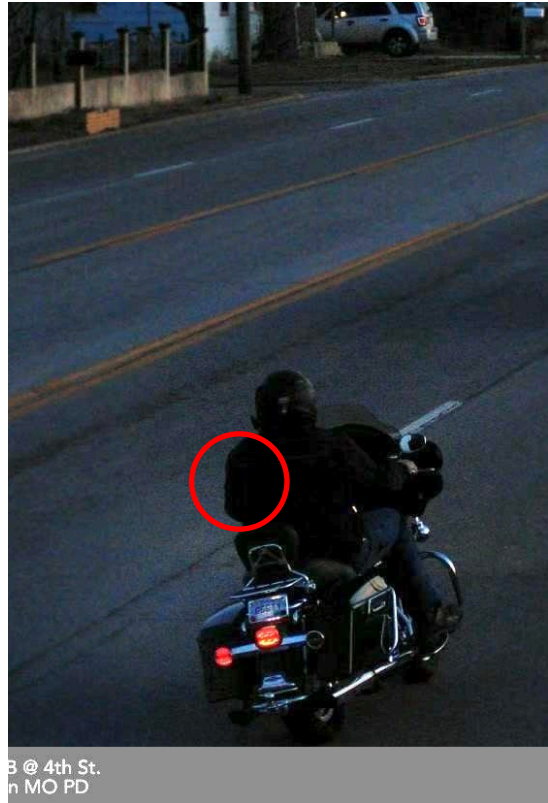
Company type	Private
Industry	Technology Surveillance
Founded	2017; 9 years ago
Founders	Garrett Langley Matt Feury Paige Todd
Headquarters	Atlanta, Georgia ^[1] , US
Area served	United States
Key people	Garrett Langley (CEO)
Products	Automated license plate readers CCTV cameras Gunfire detection systems Software
Revenue	\$300 million ^[2]
Number of employees	1,500 (2025) ^[3]
Website	flocksafety.com 

More than just plates.

Occupants

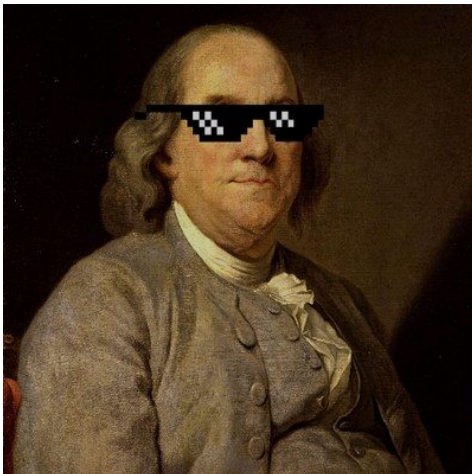
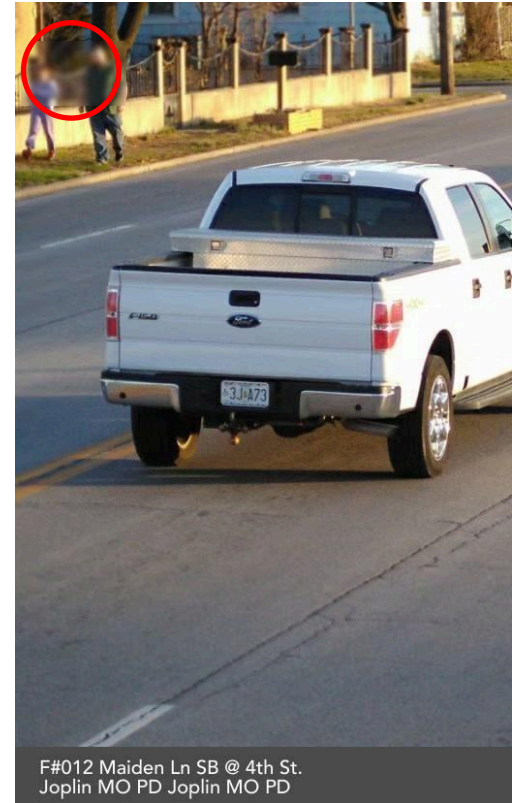


Clothing



Pedestrians

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"Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety."

—Ben Franklin

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“A person does not surrender all Fourth Amendment protection by venturing into the public sphere... Seismic shifts in digital technology... [make it possible] to achieve near perfect surveillance.”

–Chief Justice Roberts

Carpenter v. United States, 585 U.S. ____ (2018)

Accountability and Public Trust

“The liberties of a people never were, nor ever will be, secure, when the transactions of their rulers may be concealed from them.” Patrick Henry — Virginia Ratifying Convention, June 9, 1788

In December of 2025 Flock Safety CEO Garret Langley emailed all law enforcement agencies with contracts stating that law enforcement agencies are under a coordinated attack from groups who want lawlessness and weaken public safety. These views do not reflect the values of Springfield.

We want accountability, not lawlessness.

The Springfield Police Department has refused to provide audit logs showing who has accessed Flock Safety data, and for what purpose. Withholding this information prevents public oversight of surveillance use, prevents detection of potential misuse, and prevents evaluation of whether access complies with existing policy or law.

This lack of transparency undermines basic democratic safeguards. Without accessible audit records, citizens cannot verify that these tools are used lawfully, proportionately, or only for legitimate public-safety purposes.

This level of secrecy concentrates power without accountability.

Requested Actions

1. **Public release of audit** covering all accesses to ALPR and Raven device data from the time of deployment.
2. A third-party **audit of access controls** and retention practices, with findings published to the public.
3. **Cancel all contracts** with Flock Safety and remove all devices.

Mission Creep, Data Security, and Access Risks

Flock Safety is marketed as a platform, not just a camera. As their website puts in bold white letters, “the camera is just the beginning.” **When a business is modeled to sell an ecosystem** (hardware, software, and network services), **it necessitates the expansion of scope over time.** “Just a few more cameras” becomes broader access with more capabilities.

The NIST National Vulnerability Database (NVD) includes public CVEs describing vulnerabilities in Flock hardware and software, including administrative endpoints without authentication on some ALPR devices, and multiple device-hardening failures. Flock Safety has also published a security advisory, and submitted issues to MITRE and NVD.

Device-Level Risks

Public disclosures show real and specific weaknesses in Flock devices. Some vulnerabilities require physical access or close proximity, and because these devices sit in public rights-of-way, a bad-faith actor could approach a camera with ease.

- **CVE-2025-59403** describes an Android application used on certain Flock LPR/edge devices that **exposes administrative endpoints** on port 8080 **without authentication**, including endpoints to reboot the device and enable ADB debugging - conditions that can enable disruption and potentially shell access for someone on the same network segment.
- **CVE-2025-47822** describes Flock LPR devices (firmware through 2.2) with an on-chip debug interface **lacking proper access control**, a physical attack surface that can be exploited if an attacker can access the device.
- **CVE-2025-59409** Flock Safety Falcon and Sparrow License Plate Readers OPM1.171019.026 ship with development Wi-Fi **credentials** (test_flock) **stored in cleartext** in production firmware.
- **Independent research reports practical exploitation paths.** For example, activating a device hotspot and using default hotspot credentials.

Flock Safety’s security advisory acknowledges “limited, localized” vulnerabilities on LPR and gunshot-detection devices and confirms submissions to MITRE and NVD, confirming these are real vulnerabilities, not just hypothetical concerns.

Public Exposure

“we’ll do it live” – Bill O’Reilly

Researchers Jon Gains (GainSec), and Benn Jordan discovered 67 Flock Safety cameras exposed to the public internet using Shodan, a search engine available to the public that indexes internet-connected devices. 404 Media verified these findings and their reporters were able to watch themselves live on through the cameras.

- Anyone could watch real-time footage from these devices.
- No username or password was required.
- Live feeds included children on playgrounds.
- Access allowed viewing of archived footage going back one month.
- Anyone could delete recordings from the system.

Instead of responding to these proven issues, Flock issued a statement that their cloud platform has never been hacked and there has not been a leak of Flock information.

Data Sharing

“Worldwide, Perpetual, Royalty-Free”

Multiple documented incidents show that sharing controls, and access restrictions have failed in practice.

An ACLU review in 2025 found Flock Safety’s standard contract grants Flock a “non-exclusive, worldwide, perpetual, royalty-free” license to disclose agency data for law enforcement monitoring and investigative searches. Contractual language can override in-system sharing restrictions.

Incidents

- **Mountain View, CA (2026): Flock enabled a “nationwide” search** setting **without the agency’s knowledge** or consent, granting federal access and violating California law.
- **Washington state (2025): Border Patrol accessed data** from at least 10 police departments without any consent.
- **Palos Heights, IL (2025): Palo Heights police officer shared his password with a DEA agent** who searched the Flock network for data **related to immigration enforcement**, violating IL state law.

Misuse and Abuse

In 2025, the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) investigated Flock Safety's ALPR network. The EFF documented how law enforcement used Flock's network to track protesters, target Romani people, and surveil women seeking reproductive healthcare.

EFF Findings

- More than 80 **law enforcement agencies used terms like "roma,"** "possible gypsy," and "gypsy ruse." This shows a clear inconsistency in Flock's statements about their ability to identify individuals.
- 19 agencies conducted **searches specifically tied to No Kings protests.**
- In Carson City, NV the sheriff's office ran searches that coincided with 50501 protests, using "protest" as the reason.
- Johnson County, TX Sheriff's officers searched for a woman using the query **"had an abortion, search for female,"** spanning **83,345 cameras** across 6,809 Flock networks, including states where abortion is legal, violating Massachusetts Shield law.

Joplin, MO

In January of 2026 Deflock Joplin obtained Flock records from a public information request out of Washington. **Misuse of the Flock network was not identified by Joplin PD.**

- **User "K. And" searched one license plate almost 400 times,** and another plate almost 150. Both license plates were connected to the same person.
- Searches took place over a 14 month period.
- **Kenneth Anderson was relieved of duty shortly after the findings were published.**
- Missouri State Highway Patrol is still conducting an investigation to determine if criminal charges should be filed against Kenneth Anderson.

Misuse and Abuse

Romantic Stalking

- **Westmoreland County, PA** (2021): Officer Michael McSherry pleaded guilty to stalking charges after using readers to track his estranged wife and other family members.
- **Kechi, KS** (2023): Kechi Lieutenant Victor Heiar pleaded guilty to computer crime and stalking after using Flock cameras to track his estranged wife.
- **Sedgwick, KS** (2023): Police Chief Lee Nygaard resigned after using Flock cameras to track his ex-girlfriend and her new boyfriend more than 200 times over several months.
- **Costa Mesa, CA** (2023): Officer Robert Josett used a Flock camera system to track his mistress and her other romantic interests. Josett pleaded guilty to multiple criminal charges in April 2026.
- **Riverside County, CA** (2024): After being arrested for kidnapping his ex-fiancée, Deputy Alexander Vanny allegedly used the department's Flock system to track one of her friends. In December 2025 he was convicted of multiple charges in a jury trial.
- **Orange City, FL** (2024): Officer Jarmarus Brown allegedly used ALPRs to stalk his girlfriend and her family members more than 100 times over seven months. Brown was arrested and charged in 2025.
- **Shelby County, TN** (2024): Deputy Thadius Gordon was relieved of duty after allegedly using an ALPR database to track his ex-wife's location more than 100 times.
- **Louisville, KY** (2025): Officer Roberto Cedeno was charged with multiple felonies after allegedly using the city's ALPR system to track an ex-partner and her friends hundreds of times over two months.
- **Milwaukee, WI** (2025): Officer Josue Ayala allegedly used the department's network of Flock ALPRs to track a woman he was dating and her ex-partner nearly 180 times over a two-month period. Ayala resigned in 2026 after being charged with misconduct in public office.
- **Jerome County, ID** (2025): Sheriff George Oppedyk used a Flock system to search for his wife's vehicle hundreds of times. Idaho's Attorney General concluded that no crime was committed, but Oppedyk retired in April 2026, two years before his term of office ended.
- **Kenosha County, WI** (2025): Sheriff's Deputy Frank McGrath resigned with severance pay after internal investigators found he used the department's Flock system to keep tabs on another deputy with whom he was romantically involved.

Rejecting Mass Surveillance

“We’re in a time of patriotic vigilance when it comes to constitutional violations, I can’t control our cell phones. I cannot control what’s monitored on my computer, but I can control the Flock cameras in my town. And that is something that is quite compelling for me.”

– John Foley, Pittsboro, NC Commissioner

Over 50 municipalities across the U.S. have canceled their contracts with Flock Safety, citing privacy concerns. An additional 19 cities have blocked or decided not to move forward with new contracts. Privacy concerns and fear of abuse have been repeatedly raised by citizens across the country at council meetings. People opposing Flock cameras and other AI-driven camera systems have voiced their concerns about how collected data is handled and what it can be used for.

Flock Safety has proven time and time again they can not be trusted.

- Oshkosh, WI – **Oshkosh Police Chief stated Flock lied about the cameras not collecting heat maps on travelers.** "My staff advised me that the system does create heat maps. I visually confirmed this this morning. Because of this misrepresentation, specifically to a question asked by a council member, I can no longer recommend Flock." - **Oshkosh Police Chief Dean Smith**
- Dane County, WI - "Hearing the **reports of flock**, the **class action lawsuits**, a lot of **privacy concerns** was **really concerning to me** and also potential for misuse by departments," - **Dane County Supervisor Henry Fries**
- Seneca, MO - Police Chief James Altic ended Seneca’s contract with Flock Safety due to security concerns, and lack of support for malfunctioning cameras. "**There should have to be some better guidelines down the road. We do not want to be put in a position where there could possibly be anybody in the area that could get these cameras compromised.**"

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