



MEMORANDUM

Date: June 3rd, 2022

To: Mayor Dean O'Conner and Councilpersons

From: Lt. Steve Harris #262

Regarding: Flock Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) System update and Gun Seizure Trends

Flock Usage:

We were granted access to the Flock camera system on May 20th, 2022. At that time there were less than half of the cameras installed or functional. Less than one hour after initial basic training, a vehicle was identified as having a Registered Owner with a Nationwide Probation Violation warrant. The vehicle was stopped and the Registered Owner was identified as the driver and arrested.

Since May 20th, we have been very cautiously and conservatively using the system to test its functionality. The Flock system has been used with some kind of positive outcome in nine individual incidents. Of those incidents, there have been:

- 4 Investigative Leads Developed**
- 10 Vehicles Identified Associated with Criminal Activity**
- 5 Suspects Identified**
- 5 Arrests Made**
- 8 Felony Charges**

There have been Approximately 1,740,000 plates read (including vehicles captured without plates) as of noon on June 3rd. Since May 20th, there have been approximately 65 warrants and a Stolen Vehicle flagged from NCIC. We are sharing information locally with Urbandale PD, West Des Moines PD, and soon with Ankeny PD. We have not started our 45-day trial period yet, and are not being charged for their services because all 18 cameras are not functional. Currently 12 cameras are installed and 10 are functional.

Gun Trends:

There was a significant uptick in incidents where guns were seized in 2021, but it has declined in 2022. The most recent seizure was a loaded pistol, determined to be stolen, recovered in the men's restroom at the Altoona Public Library on June 3rd, 2022. The following are guns seized for various reasons:

2020 – 20 guns seized

2021 – 49 guns seized, 3 ATF eTrace Reports Completed

2022 – 6 guns seized, 2 ATF eTrace Reports Completed
