



FLOCK SAFETY AUTOMATIC
LICENSE PLATE READER
TECHNOLOGY

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Flock Camera Proposal

- In November 2024, the Killeen Police Department (KPD) submitted an application for the SB 244 Catalytic Converter Grant through the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA)
- As part of the grant application, KPD proposed the integration of Flock cameras to enhance its proactive efforts in combating violent crime and motor vehicle theft. In accordance with the grant requirements, the City Council approved the acceptance of the anticipated award on January 7, 2025.
- This grant plays a vital role in the department's strategic initiative to tackle vehicle and catalytic converter theft, as well as violent crime, by leveraging advanced technology and real-time data analysis.

What is Flock Safety

- ❑ Flock Safety is a company specializing in automated license plate recognition (ALPR) cameras and analytics, designed to enhance public safety for law enforcement agencies, neighborhoods, and businesses.
- ❑ The system captures high-resolution images of vehicles, including license plates, make, model, and color, and integrates with law enforcement databases to assist in identifying stolen vehicles, wanted suspects, and other vehicles of interest.
- ❑ The information captured by LPR cameras can help determine whether a vehicle was at the crime scene. Law enforcement agencies can share the information.

What Flock is Not

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- Flock Safety is designed to eliminate human bias in crime-solving. Its license plate recognition (LPR) cameras and machine learning technology identify vehicle characteristics, types, and license plates, cross-referencing them with state and federal records to enhance accuracy and reduce errors.
- Flock Safety does not collect personal data such as names, phone numbers, or addresses, nor does it track specific locations of individuals. The system lacks any functionality to mark or annotate the locations of passersby. Records will be retained for 30 days before being permanently deleted.
- Flock Safety does not override the Fourth Amendment—officers will continue to operate within constitutional guidelines.

Financial Impact

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- ❑ Flock Safety has been designated as a Sole Source vendor by the City of Killeen (COK) and numerous governmental agencies across the United States.

- ❑ Additionally, grant funding will be allocated to the Law Enforcement Grant Fund as part of the mid-year budget amendment, which will be presented to the City Council on April 15, 2025.

- ❑ The Killeen Police Department will utilize existing funds available under the General Fund and State Seizure accounts.

- ❑ The total cost of the two-year contract is as follows:
 - ❑ FY 2025: \$267,250.00
 - ❑ FY 2025: \$221,000.00
 - ❑ Total Amount: \$488,250.00

Recommendation

- Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Flock Safety for automated license plate technology in the amount of \$488,250. Additionally, the City Manager, or their designee, is expressly authorized to approve and execute any necessary change orders within the limits established by state and local law.