Burke County Sheriff's Office

Automated License Plate Readers:

FLOCK

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WHAT DOES FLOCK DO?

- Record vehicle sightings at a specific place and time with a photograph
- Capture license plates and vehicle characteristics
- Help authorized users find relevant vehicle evidence
- Provide leads for investigators to assess alongside other evidence
- NCIC releases hot lists four times a day and Flock provides real time alerts to the Communications Center for wanted persons, missing persons and stolen vehicles so that a deputy can be dispatched to the location of the hit. Deputies have access to alerts on the Flock App.

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WHAT FLOCK DOES **NOT** DO

- Flock does not identify people by their faces (facial recognition)
- Flock does not identify who is inside a vehicle
- Flock does not continuously track people, vehicles or cell phones
- Flock does not replace investigators or human judgment
- Flock customers cannot access a live video feed from an ALPR camera
- Flock is not used for red light and/or speed enforcement
- Flock does not connect to Department of Motor Vehicles (vehicle registration and driver's license information) or Division of Criminal Information (criminal history and personal information) records

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USE OF FLOCK

- Law enforcement purpose - any of the following:
  1. Actions related to criminal investigations and arrests
  2. Apprehending an individual with an outstanding felony warrant(s).
  3. Locating a missing or endangered person.
  4. Locating a lost or stolen vehicle.

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POLICY – DUE DILIGENCE

The Deputy must use due diligence to independently verify the information provided by Flock to ensure its accuracy before taking any law enforcement action.

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PROHIBITED USE OF FLOCK

- Invasion of Privacy
- Harassment or Intimidation
- Use Based on a Protected Characteristic (race, gender, religion, political affiliation, nationality, ethnicity, sexual orientation or disability)
- Personal Use
- Infringement of First Amendment Rights

❖ Anyone who engages in an impermissible use of the ALPR (I.E. FLOCK) system or associated scan files, or hot lists will be subject to disciplinary action up to and may include termination.

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DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS

- Captured plate data is confidential and not a public record. Data shall not be disclosed except to a criminal justice officer at a State or local law enforcement agency or a similar official at a federal law enforcement agency for a legitimate law enforcement purpose pursuant to a written request from the requesting agency. Data will not be sold, accessed or used for any purpose other than legitimate law enforcement or public safety purposes.

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INTERNAL DATA SECURITY AND ACCESS

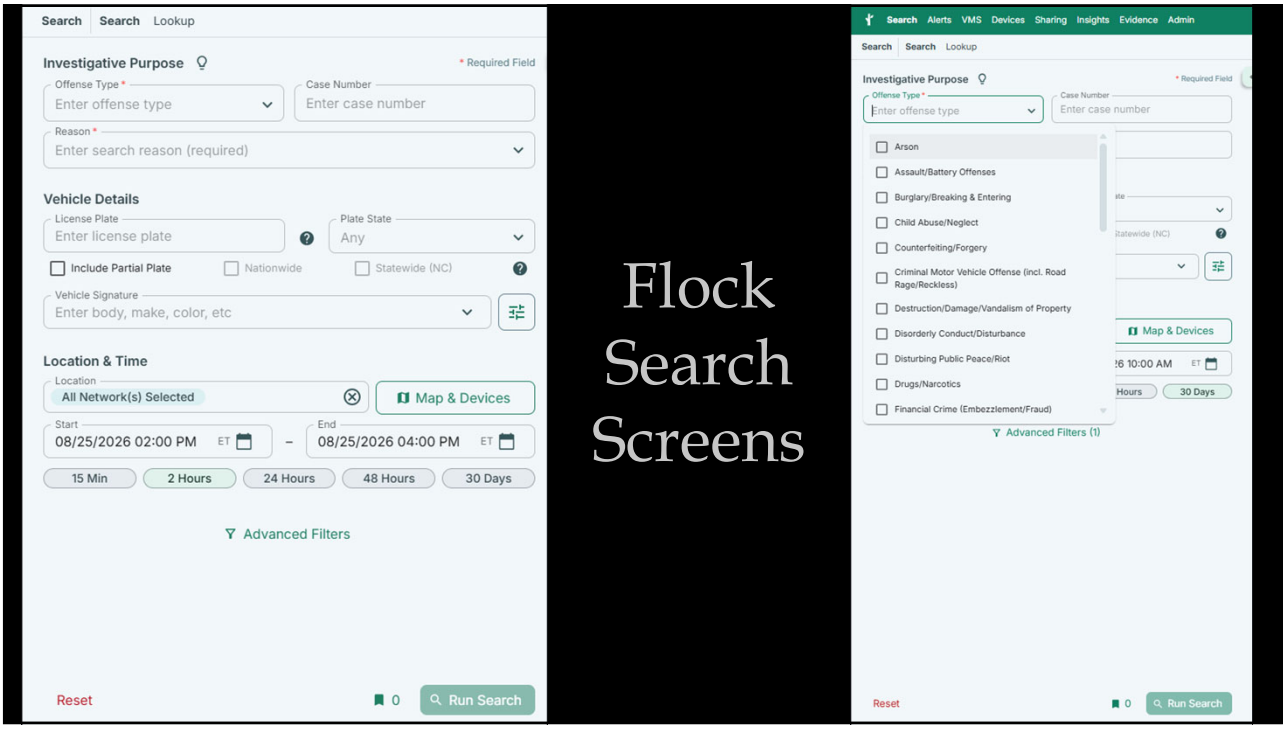
- All ALPR (I.E. FLOCK) data will be accessed through a system capable of documenting all information viewed, including the user's name, date and time of access.
- Every ALPR (I.E. FLOCK) search must be documented by either the associated agency case number or incident number, and/or a reason for the inquiry.
- Only trained agency members will be allowed access to the ALPR (I.E. FLOCK) system.
- Retention of data is 30 days.

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DATA DETECTION BROWSING AUDITS

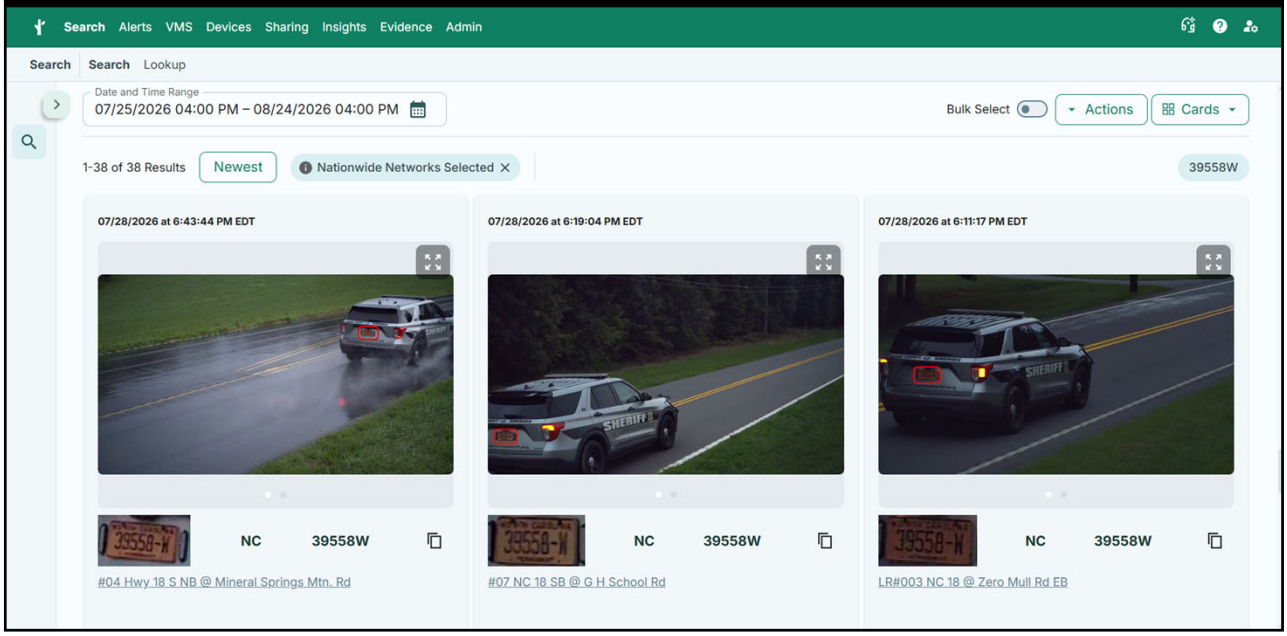
- It is the responsibility of the Sheriff's designee to ensure that an audit is conducted of ALPR (I.E. FLOCK) detection browsing inquiries at least once per month. The Sheriff's designee is the Major who is responsible for all internal investigations.
- The audit shall be documented in the form of an internal agency memorandum directed to the Sheriff.
- The audit will take place once a month.

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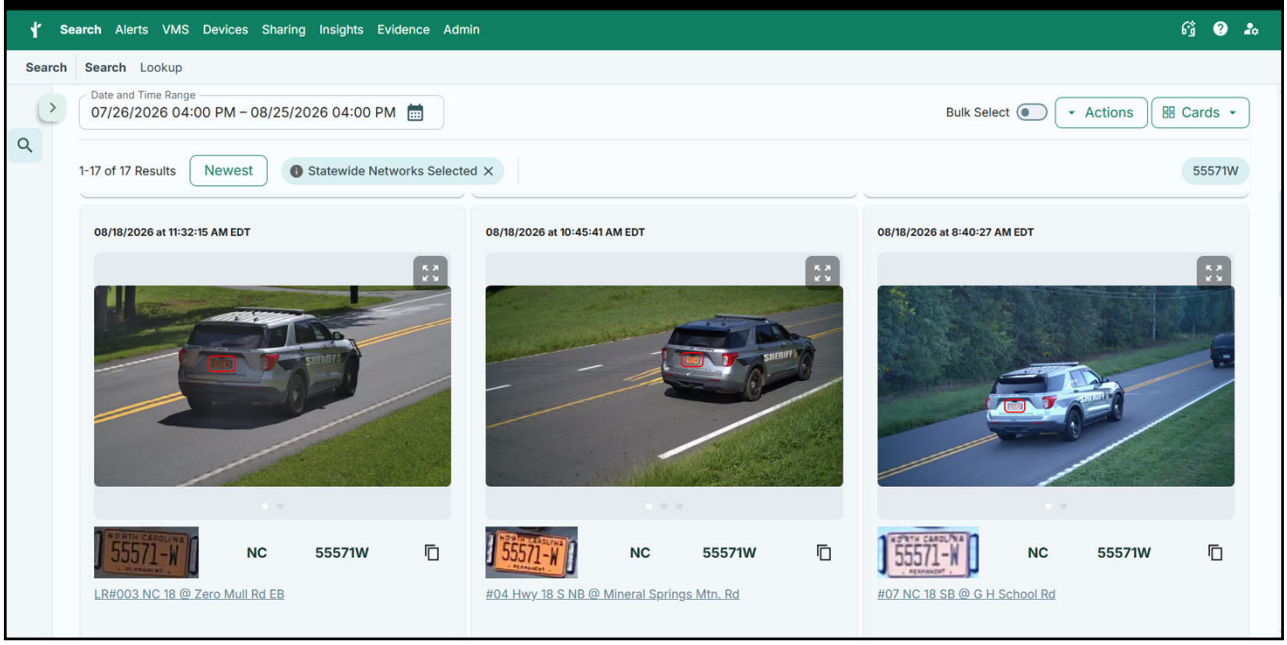
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Flock Search Results



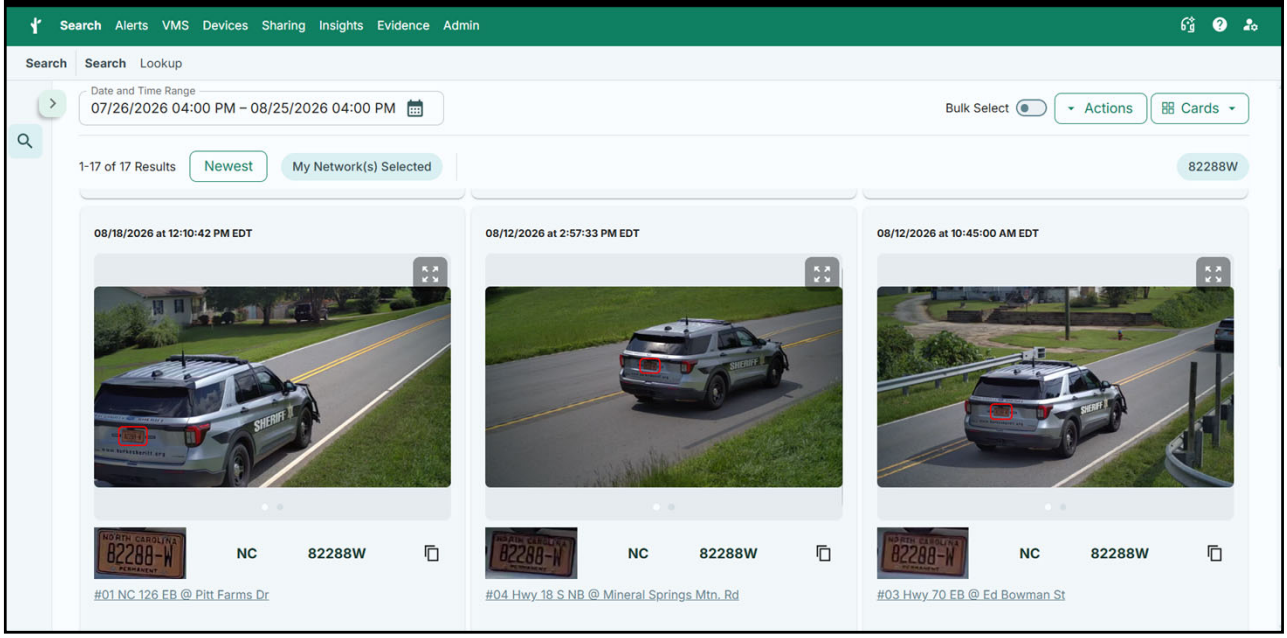
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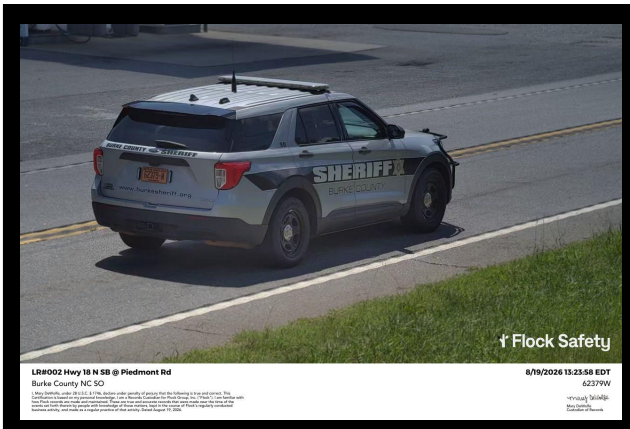


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What Flock cameras photos actually look like



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- For the 10 Flock cameras placed throughout Burke County, this provides coverage across approximately 511 square miles. Burke County encompasses a total of 1,703.14 miles of public streets and highways.
- The cost of the Flock cameras was $38,963.75 during the first year, which included a one-time implementation fee. The second year, the annual cost is $32,025.00.
- To date, Flock provided investigative leads that allowed us to seize $587,000 in illegal narcotics and recovered $156,000 in stolen vehicles.
- The type of cameras we have are the Flock Safety Falcon and they do not have the capability of video.



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MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please visit the Flock website:

flocksafety.com

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