



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: March 21, 2023

TO: Dean Albro, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Partnership with Santa Barbara County Housing Authority for Installation and Maintenance of Flock Camera License Plate Readers; Approval of Service Agreement with Flock Group, Inc. for Installation and Use of License Plate Readers; Approval of Reimbursement Agreement with County Housing Authority to Reimburse City's Costs Under Service Agreement

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council:

- 1) Approve a partnership between the Santa Barbara County Housing Authority (Hasbarco) and the City of Lompoc on utilization of Flock Cameras throughout the City;
- 2) Approve the Lompoc Police Department as the custodian of the records for the Flock Cameras;
- 3) Approve the Flock Group Inc. (Flock) service agreement (Attachment 1);
- 4) Approve the Reimbursement Agreement by and between the City of Lompoc and the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara (Hasbarco Reimbursement Agreement) (Attachment 2); and
- 5) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements.

Background:

Hasbarco has been in contact with Flock regarding the purchase of Flock camera license plate readers (LPRs) for Hasbarco properties in Lompoc. The Lompoc Police Department was brought into the discussion as Hasbarco wants to use the cameras as a crime deterrent for their properties but do not want to be the custodian of the records for the data that the cameras store. Hasbarco will reimburse the City for the purchase and installation of the cameras at the proposed 38 locations throughout the City and maintain the subscription with Flock.

Discussion:

LPRs take pictures of the backs of vehicles as they drive by the camera locations. Flock cameras do not and cannot be used as facial recognition, as the cameras are only designed to record the rear of the vehicle as it drives by capturing the rear license plate and or the vehicle.

Flock is reporting some of the following statistics and includes other features which include some of the following:

- 2,000+ Law Enforcement Agency Partners.
- 2,500+ Communities made safer.
- 1 billion + vehicles captured per month.
- 70% reported a reduction in crime.
- Motion Activated – Flock LPRs take pictures of the back of the vehicle as it drives by.
- 24/7 Coverage – Day or night, the cameras collect evidence around the clock.
- Solar powered – no need for heavy infrastructure. Install Flock anywhere you need it.
- Search footage – Vehicle type, make, color, license plate state, missing covered plates, and other unique features like bumper stickers, decals, and roof racks.
- Flock also connects to other Law Enforcement Agencies who also use Flock for a wider range of searches.
- The Flock products focus solely on objective unbiased evidence.
- Flock will never share or sell any customer data with third parties.
- All data searches require a specific reason for a traceable audit by law enforcement leadership, constituents, or City government.
- Agencies will be able to upload alerts for vehicles to the Flock system, and the agency will receive notifications when the vehicles are captured by the Flock system. These alerts include some of the following:
 - Stolen vehicles,
 - Stolen License Plates,
 - Wanted subject vehicles,
 - Missing person's vehicles, and
 - Abducted person's vehicles.



Flock Camera

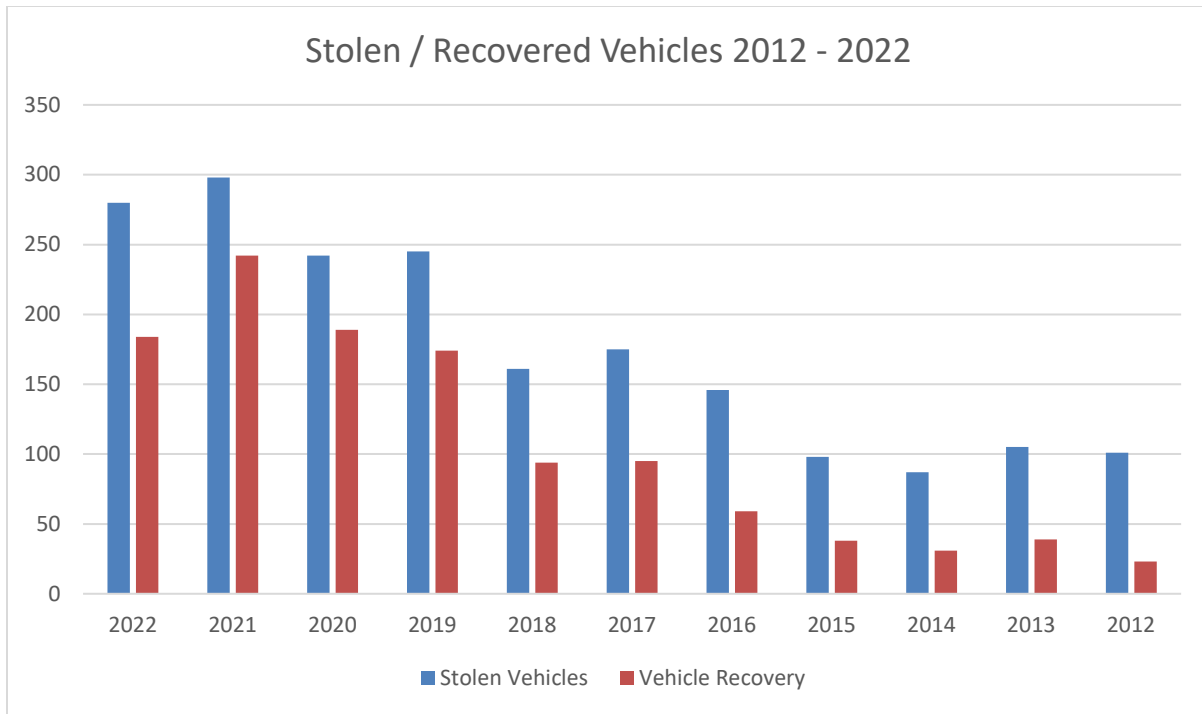
Typically, criminals do not always remain within the City limits. By implementing Flock LPRs in Lompoc, we will have the ability to connect to other law enforcement entities in our area. The City of Santa Maria and the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department either have already installed, or will be installing, Flock LPRs in their jurisdictions.

Year	Stolen Vehicles	Vehicle Recovery
2022	280	184
2021	298	242
2020	242	189
2019	245	174
2018	161	94
2017	175	95
2016	146	59
2015	98	38
2014	87	31
2013	105	39
2012	101	23

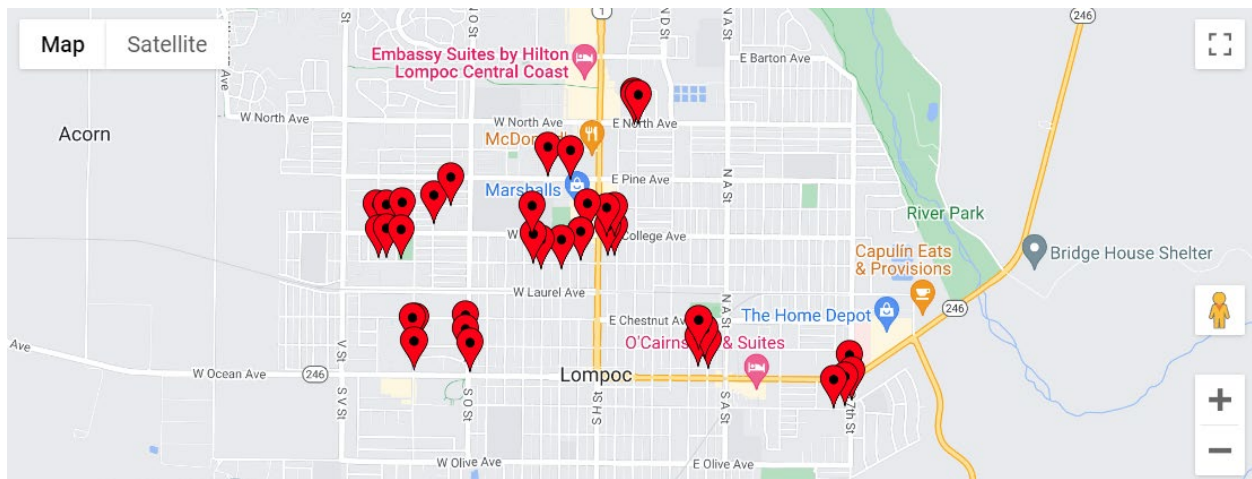
Statistics for Stolen Vehicles versus Recovered Stolen Vehicles in Lompoc

From 2012 – 2022 there was a 131.68% increase in stolen vehicles in Lompoc.

There was an increase of 656.52% in recovered vehicles (including other agencies' stolen vehicles recovered in Lompoc) during that same time period.



Hasbarco is proposing to install 38 Flock LPRs at different locations throughout the City of Lompoc. Below is a map that shows the proposed locations of the Flock LPRs.



01	W College Ave @ T St	20	N B St @ E Walnut Ave (SB)
02	W College Ave @ N St Alley (SB)	21	E Walnut Ave (600B) (SB)
03	W College Ave @ N S St (WB)	22	N G St @ E Maple Ave (NB)
04	N T St @ W Maple Ave (NB)	23	E Maple Ave Alley (100B) (NB)
05	N T St @ W Maple Ave Alley (NB)	24	N G St @ E Maple Ave (SB)
06	W Maple Ave @ N St (WB)	25	500B E College Alley (SB)
07	N Q St @ W Prune Ave (NB)	26	W College Ave (100B) (WB)
08	W Airport Ave @ N O St (WB)	27	E Maple Ave (100B) (WB)
09	W Pine Ave @ N M St (WB)	28	N I St @ Maple Ave (NB)

10	W Pine Ave (200B) (EB)	29	N J St @ W Maple Ave (NB)
11	E North Ave @ Palm Dr (WB)	30	N K St @ W Maple Ave (NB)
12	N F St @ E North Ave (SB)	31	W Maple Ave @ N L St (EB)
13	E North Ave @ F St (EB)	32	W College Ave @ N L St (EB)
14	S 7 th St (100B) (SB)	33	W Walnut Ave @ N O St (WB)
15	S 7 th St @ Berkley Dr (NB)	34	W Apricot Ave @ N O St (WB)
16	E Cypress Ave @ S 7 th St (WB)	35	W Walnut Ave @ N R St (EB)
17	E Cypress Ave @ 7 th St (EB)	36	N R St @ W Walnut Ave (SB)
18	N B St (100B) (NB)	37	N R St @ W Ocean Ave (NB)
19	Alley between C & B St (NB)	38	N O St @ W Ocean Ave (NB)

The Lompoc Police Department Policy Manual at Policy No. 469 sets out in detail the guidelines for use of automated LPRs (Attachment 3). The Policy Manual has been published and is also available on the Police Department website for public review.

Data Collection and Retention will follow Government Code Section 34090.6 and the City of Lompoc Data Retention schedule unless the data has become, or it is reasonable to believe it will become, evidence in a criminal or civil action or is subject to a discovery request or other lawful action to produce records.

In 2017 the California Civil Code was amended to require a public agency that operates or intends to operate an ALPR system must provide an opportunity for public comment at a regularly scheduled public meeting of the governing body of the public agency before implementing the program. This City Council meeting satisfies that requirement. A public agency is also prohibited from selling, sharing, or transferring ALPR information, except to another public agency, as specified. (Civil Code section 1798.90.55)

Fiscal Impact:

The purchase and installation of all the Flock LPRs, and the subscription with Flock, will be financed by Hasbarco. If Hasbarco decides to no longer pay for the service, Flock will remove all the LPRs within 90 days of notification.

The Flock LPRs purchase, installation, and service fees:

Name of Property	# of Cameras	\$ of Cameras	# of Installs	\$ of installs	Total
Thompson Park Development	6	\$15,000.00	6	\$2,100.00	\$17,100.00
Miller Stanley (Stanley Horn Homes)	2	\$5,000.00	2	\$700.00	\$5,700.00
Parkside	2	\$5,000.00	2	\$700.00	\$5,700.00
Palm Grove	3	\$7,500.00	3	\$1,050.00	\$8,550.00

Cypress Court	4	\$10,000.00	4	\$1,400.00	\$11,400.00
Homekey	4	\$10,000.00	4	\$1,400.00	\$11,400.00
Homebase on G	4	\$10,000.00	4	\$1,400.00	\$11,400.00
Lompoc Gardens	7	\$17,500.00	7	\$2,450.00	\$19,950.00
Lompoc Terrace	3	\$7,500.00	3	\$1,050.00	\$8,550.00
Santa Rita Village	3	\$7,500.00	3	\$1,050.00	\$8,550.00
Sub-Total		\$95,000.00		\$13,300.00	\$108,300.00
				YEAR ONE	\$108,300.00
				YEAR TWO	\$95,000.00
				TWO-YEAR TOTAL	\$203,300.00

The initial contract term is two years, and the contract automatically renews for unlimited successive two-year terms at \$95,000 per year. Flock has the right under the contract to increase its fees at any time with a 60-day notice. The City or Flock may terminate the agreement at any time, for any reason.

Hasbarco and Flock Safety have an existing partnership with Flock cameras installed in the City of Santa Maria. Installation of cameras in Lompoc is an expansion of that pre-existing Hasbarco program using Flock cameras as the standardized required equipment.

There is no General Fund impact.

Conclusion:

A partnership between Hasbarco and the City is a benefit to the City and its Citizens. It is projected that the implementation of the Flock Cameras will allow the Lompoc Police Department to solve many crimes that otherwise would have gone unsolved, such as locating and recovering stolen vehicles that were reported within or outside of the City, allowing the Lompoc Police Department to return stolen vehicles to their owners.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY MANAGER:

Kevin K. Martin, Chief of Police

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Dean Albro, City Manager

- Attachments:
- 1) Reimbursement Agreement with Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara.
 - 2) Service Agreement with Flock Group, Inc.
 - 3) Lompoc Police Department Policy 469 (3 pages)