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# The role of ALPR in Public Safety

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# Impact of Technology in Public Safety

- EPPD Staffing Challenges
- Leveraging Technology as Force Multiplier
  - Drone as First Responders
  - Automated Licensed Plate Readers

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# Technology

- May 2025 EPPD entered into service agreement with Flock (related to and supports MVCPA & SB224 Grants)
- Flock LPR system has assisted in locating stolen vehicles
- Gives officers the tools to quickly respond & recover stolen vehicles, make arrests, and return the stolen vehicles to their owners
- The Flock LPR System has helped solve violent crime & apprehending violent criminals

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# Part I Crimes

Crime	Q1 2025	Q1 2026	% +/-
Murder	8	6	-25.0%
Robbery	70	45	-35.7%
Rape	71	74	4.2%
Agg Aslt	376	321	-14.6%
Theft Veh	566	282	-50.2%
Burg Veh	246	190	-22.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,337</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>-31.3%</b>

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# Flock Results

\*July 2025 to Jan 2026

- 70 Arrests (motor vehicle theft, Agg Robbery, Murder, narcotics, other crimes)
- 60 stolen vehicles recovered
- \$600,000 in total value for recovered stolen vehicles

\* Feb 2026 to April 2026

- 90 Arrests (motor vehicle theft, Agg Robbery, Murder, narcotics, other crimes)
- 85 stolen vehicles recovered
- \$950,000 in total value for recovered stolen vehicles

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## Flock Safety Transparency Portal

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## Flock Cameras FAQ



# El Paso TX PD

Transparency Portal

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## Policies



### What's Detected:

License Plates and Vehicles



### What's Not Detected:

Facial Recognition, People, Gender, Race



### Acceptable Use Policy:

Data is used for law enforcement purposes only. Data is owned by the El Paso Police Department and is never sold to 3rd parties. Data is automatically purged from the system after 30 days.



### Prohibited Uses:

Immigration enforcement, traffic enforcement, harassment or intimidation, reproductive care, first amendment protected events and usage based solely on a protected class (i.e. race, sex, religion), or personal use



### Access Policy:

System search access shall only be conducted in relation to criminal investigations or a criminal nexus. A case number and reasons for the search are required to conduct a search and is limited to authorized law enforcement personnel.



### System Access History:

Flock data is only retained for 30 days. However, an audit trail of the users who accessed the system is stored indefinitely.



### Hotlist Policy:

Hotlist hits (i.e., stolen vehicles, wanted vehicles, missing persons, etc.) that are entered into the TCIC/NCIC, NCMEC/Amber Alert systems will provide an alert notification. Based on policy all scanned license plates are required to be verified by law enforcement personnel and checked in the TCIC/NCIC information system(s) prior to action.

## Usage



### Data retention (in days)

30 days



### Number of LPR cameras

150



### Searches in the last 30 days

815

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# Conclusion: Benefits of Technology

## 1. Enhanced Public Safety

- Helps deter and reduce crimes such as auto theft, burglaries, and violent crimes by identifying suspect vehicles quickly

## 2. Real-Time Vehicle Alerts

- Instantly notifies officers of stolen vehicles, wanted suspects, or vehicles involved in a crime

## 3. Increased Officer Safety

- Alerts before approaching a potentially dangerous vehicle allow for better tactical preparation

## 4. Crime Prevention Through Visibility

- The presence of LPR systems acts as a deterrent to criminals who know their vehicle may be flagged

## 5. Transparency and Privacy Safeguards

Flock stores data securely, data belongs to EPPD, auto-deletes footage after 30 days, and allows access only for legitimate law enforcement use

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