



PUBLIC SAFETY



SPRINGVILLE AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS

Three cameras:

- 1400 N Main
- 400 S near I15
- 500 S Main

Still photos only, no video.



CASE STUDIES: SAVING LIVES & SOLVING CRIME

Missing & Suicidal Youth Located: Two months ago, a missing, suicidal teen from another county crossed into Springville. ALPR data allowed officers to locate his vehicle instantly and deploy life-saving mental health intervention.

Prolific Offender Apprehension: The system directly enabled detectives to identify and apprehend a serial package thief targeting local residential neighborhoods.

Major Offense Investigations: Flock remains a critical technological asset when investigating severe crimes, including homicides.



WHAT DATA IS COLLECTED, PRIVACY GUARDRAILS

What the System Gathers

- Captures license plates, vehicle make, model, color, and unique features (e.g., roof racks, bumper stickers).
- Only reviews vehicles traveling on public roadways where there is no legal expectation of privacy.
- Logs the date, time, and geographic location of the vehicle scan.

Built-In Privacy Guardrails

- **No PII Collected:** The system does NOT capture names, phone numbers, or addresses.
- **No Facial Recognition:** Cameras focus on the vehicle exterior and rear plate; they do not identify or track drivers or passengers.
- **Strict 30-Day Purge:** Data automatically deletes permanently after 30 days unless flag-linked to an active, ongoing investigation.



CORE POLICY & CORE PURPOSE

Strict Investigative Limits: Officers only access Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) data when conducting an active, legitimate investigation.

Access Criteria: Officers must explicitly possess both a ***need to know*** and a ***right to know*** before executing any database query.



DATA SHARING NETWORK CONTROLS

Total Local Sovereignty: Springville PD maintains 100% ownership and administrative control over our data footprint.

Controlled Partner Network: Data is currently shared selectively with verified law enforcement agencies within Utah and in neighboring states. Access can be altered or revoked instantly.

Cross-Border Success: Criminals cross boundaries. Access to out-of-state data recently enabled our detectives to track an attempted homicide suspect from Utah directly to the Mexican border.



SEARCH TYPES THIS YEAR (1812 TOTAL)

Motor Vehicle Theft/Stolen	281	15.50%
Hit and Run/Car Accident	249	13.70%
Assault/Battery Offenses	131	7.20%
Assault/Battery Offenses (Domestic)	111	6.10%
Homicide/Death Investigation	86	4.70%
Welfare Check	84	4.60%
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	82	4.50%
Wanted Person (Arrest Warrant/Fugitive)	74	4.10%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	72	4.00%
Missing/Endangered Person/Runaway	70	3.90%
Stolen Property Offenses	68	3.80%
Sex Offenses	59	3.30%
Driving Under the Influence (DUI/DWI/OWI/OVI)	58	3.20%
Criminal Motor Vehicle Offense (incl. Road Rage/Reckless)	54	3.00%
Drugs/Narcotics	48	2.60%
Weapons Offense (Guns/Shots Fired)	46	2.50%
Traffic Infraction	45	2.50%



SEARCH TYPES THIS YEAR

Threats/Harassment	29	1.60%
Financial Crime (Embezzlement/Fraud)	27	1.50%
Obstructing the Police (Fleeing/Eluding)	25	1.40%
Protective/Protection Order	24	1.30%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	22	1.20%
Kidnapping/Abduction	16	0.90%
Stalking	13	0.70%
Trespass	9	0.50%
Robbery	8	0.40%
Arson	6	0.30%
Disturbing Public Peace/Riot	4	0.20%
Disorderly Conduct/Disturbance	4	0.20%
Illegal Dumping/Littering	2	0.10%
Child Abuse/Neglect	2	0.10%
Juvenile Delinquency	1	0.10%
Obstructing Justice	1	0.10%
Alcohol Offenses (Non-DUI)	1	0.10%



AUDIT FINDINGS & LEGISLATIVE MANDATE

Utah Code § 41-6a-2005: State law strictly mandates that law enforcement agencies record and preserve the exact crime type and associated incident/case number for every ALPR search.

- A recent internal audit revealed that our documentation practices fell short of the state requirements.
- We are taking immediate accountability.



ACTION PLAN

Enforced System Controls: We have activated custom system settings within the Flock platform that now require entry before a search can occur.

Mandatory Fields: Officers are now strictly forced to input a reason for the search, the crime type, and an active incident/case number.

Historical Data Remediation: Staff are retroactively reviewing and entering missing data points for historical queries.



POLICY EVOLUTION & PRIVACY SAFEGUARDS

Frequent Administrative Audits: We are formally updating our department policy manual to require routine, scheduled audits of system queries.

Balancing Privacy & Safety: ALPR remains an indispensable tool to protect our city. We recognize that true public safety requires robust standards to fiercely protect civil privacy.