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FW: Public Records Request — Flock Safety ALPR Contract and Related Records (R.C. 149.43)

From: SPD_Records@cityofsandusky.com

To: info@lakeerieinquiry.org

Date: Sept. 16, 2026, 8:53 a.m.

Good morning,

I am forwarding you the one email chain we have responsive to your request. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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From: Ethan Unzicker <*[private e-mail address removed by this paper]*>

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2026 12:24 PM

To: Jared Oliver <joliver@cityofsandusky.com>

Cc: PR Requests <publicrecords@cityofsandusky.com>; SPD Records

<SPD_Records@cityofsandusky.com>; Melanie Murray <mmurray@cityofsandusky.com>

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Mr Oliver,

Thank you for these documents. Were you able to access the Organization Audit Logs and the Network Audit Logs through the Flock admin dashboard? I believe this is the main outstanding record from my original request.

Thank you again,
Ethan Unzicker

On Sep 11, 2026 at 10:59 AM -0400, Jared Oliver <joliver@cityofsandusky.com>, wrote:

Mr. Unzicker,

It was my pleasure meeting with you and the other members of the community yesterday. I hope I was able to answer your questions and address some of your concerns.

Responsive records for Item #4 of your request are attached. I received these records from our IT Department this morning.

I am familiar with the Flock Transparency Portal and appreciate you sharing that information. I will certainly take your suggestion under consideration as we continue to evaluate ways to provide the public with information regarding our policies, practices, and safeguards related to ALPR technology.

Respectfully,

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From: Ethan Unzicker <*[private e-mail address removed by this paper]*>

Sent: Friday, September 11, 2026 9:47 AM

To: Jared Oliver <joliver@cityofsandusky.com>

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Mr. Oliver,

Thanks so much again for your help with these records (including those sent this morning), and thanks for taking the time to meet with us all yesterday.

Here's what I could find from Flock (dated Sept 2025) on how to access the audit logs:

"The audit logs can be accessed via your agency's Flock admin dashboard on the "Insights" tab. These logs may show the date/time of search, user ID, and search parameters and reason. Customers may download these logs in the user interface as spreadsheets in 31-day increments. It is recommended that Flock customer support assist customers with the downloads when feasible for timeframes larger than six months and major accounts."

There's two types of audit logs that should be available to you: Organization Audit Log (logs Sandusky PD usage of the system) and a Network Audit Log (logs when other agencies access data from Sandusky's cameras). Both should be responsive to my initial request.

Additionally, Flock has built-in tools Sandusky PD can use to monitor their own usage as well as a Transparency Portal feature to allow the PD to post a public facing page that outline policies, usage and access rules. It might be a great proactive approach to addressing citizens concerns -

<https://www.flocksafety.com/trust/compliance-tools>

Lastly if you could tell me if records responsive to item #4 of the original request (Correspondence) are still forthcoming, I would appreciate it.

Thank you again,
Ethan Unzicker

On Sep 10, 2026 at 8:13 AM -0400, Jared Oliver <joliver@cityofsandusky.com>, wrote:

Mr. Unzicker,

In response to your follow-up questions:

Item #1: There is no other executed agreement responsive to your request other than the document previously provided, which is attached again for your convenience. Prior to execution of the agreement, a separate quote was provided by Flock Safety; however, that quote was not accepted because the pricing changed. A copy of the prior quote is attached.

I have also attached copies of the records from the June 23, 2025, City Commission agenda regarding the approval of the Flock agreement.

Item #2: Only one payment has been made to date under this agreement. The record reflecting that payment has already been provided in response to your request.

Item #3: The response to this item has already been provided. No additional responsive records have been identified.

Please let me know if you have any further questions regarding the records produced.

Respectfully,

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From: Ethan Unzicker <*[private e-mail address removed by this paper]*>
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2026 6:47 PM
To: Jared Oliver <joliver@cityofsandusky.com>
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Mr. Oliver,

Thank you again for your continued help in providing these records.

In regards to Item 1, I requested "fully executed agreement(s)..." - the document attached indicates it is an amendment to a previously signed agreement, which should be a responsive record. As should the "...Master Service Agreement," and "Terms of Service"

In regards to item 2, my request asked for "annual subscription renewal payments made or scheduled through the present date." The audit trail scope stops at August 31, 2026. Also, if this is an annual contract, does this indicate that an annual renewal payment has not been made?

In regards to item 3:

3a - Policy 425 §425.6(b) requires that all ALPR data access be "accessible only through a login/password-protected system capable of documenting all access of information by name, date and time" — meaning the system is supposed to generate exactly this kind of log. Does your answer indicate that the Flock network audit logs were searched and no records exist or that these records exist and are not responsive?

I appreciate you continued attention,
Ethan Unzicker

On Sep 4, 2026 at 12:28 PM -0400, Jared Oliver <joliver@cityofsandusky.com>, wrote:

Mr. Unzicker,

Responsive records for Items #1, #2, and #5 are attached.

Regarding Item #3:

- (a) No responsive records exist. Of note, the Sandusky Police Department does not share information with any federal agencies.
- (b) The Sandusky Police Department does not participate in the nationwide Flock Safety sharing network. However, the department does participate in the statewide sharing network.
- (c) Please refer to the attached policy, which governs access to and use of the system.

I am continuing to review records and compile any documents responsive to Item #4. Any additional responsive records identified will be provided upon completion of that review.

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From: PR Requests <publicrecords@cityofsandusky.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2026 5:06 PM

To: Jared Oliver <joliver@cityofsandusky.com>

Cc: Eva Wasniak <EOlcott@cityofsandusky.com>

Subject: FW: Public Records Request — Flock Safety ALPR Contract and Related Records (R.C. 149.43)

From: Ethan Unzicker <*[private e-mail address removed by this paper]*>

Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2026 8:15 AM

To: PR Requests <publicrecords@cityofsandusky.com>

Subject: Public Records Request — Flock Safety ALPR Contract and Related Records (R.C. 149.43)

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To the City of Sandusky Public Records Custodian:

Pursuant to Ohio's Public Records Act, R.C. 149.43, I am requesting copies of the following public records maintained by the City of Sandusky:

1. The executed contract. The fully executed agreement(s), Master Service Agreement, Terms of Service, and any related exhibits or amendments between the City of Sandusky (including the Sandusky Police Department) and Flock Group, Inc. d.b.a. Flock Safety, entered into pursuant to the ordinance approved by the City Commission on June 23, 2025 (Item 4 on that date's agenda, "Approval of Contract for Purchase & Installation of Ten LPR Cameras with Flock Group"). Please include the signature page(s) showing the date of execution.
2. Payment records. Any invoices, purchase orders, or payment records reflecting payments made to Flock Group, Inc. under this contract, including the initial 2025 purchase/installation payment and any subsequent annual subscription renewal payments made or scheduled through the present date.
3. Usage and audit records. Any records, reports, or logs reflecting audits or oversight of the Sandusky Police Department's use of the Flock Safety system, including but not limited to:
 - (a) records of searches, queries, or data access by any law enforcement agency, government entity, or third party outside the Sandusky Police Department — including any state, regional, or federal agency such as ICE, CBP, or a regional fusion center;
 - (b) any records reflecting whether the Sandusky Police Department participates in, or has opted into or out of, Flock Safety's nationwide data-sharing network, state network, or community network features; and
 - (c) any policy, procedure, or written guidance governing who may access Flock Safety data and for what purposes.
4. Correspondence. Any internal or external correspondence (including emails) between City of Sandusky officials or employees and Flock Group, Inc. representatives, or among City officials/employees, concerning:
 - (a) negotiation of the June 2025 contract;
 - (b) any contract renewal, extension, or amendment discussions; or
 - (c) any reported incidents involving misidentification, false-positive alerts, data misuse, or unauthorized access.
5. Data policy. Any written policy adopted by the City of Sandusky or the Sandusky Police Department

governing data retention, data sharing, or use of automated license plate recognition (ALPR) technology.

I am not requesting camera footage or video recordings, and I understand a separate fee schedule applies to such records; this request does not seek anything covered by that policy.

Please provide these records electronically, in their native format where available (e.g., spreadsheet/CSV rather than a scanned image, for any log or data file), to the email address below.

If any portion of this request would require a production or copying fee, please advise me of the estimated cost in advance.

If any portion of this request is denied, please identify the specific record(s) withheld and cite the specific statutory exemption relied upon, as required under R.C. 149.43(B)(3).

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Ethan Unzicker

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Sandusky, Ohio

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