Sonoma County Auto Theft Task Force Flock Safety System

Overview

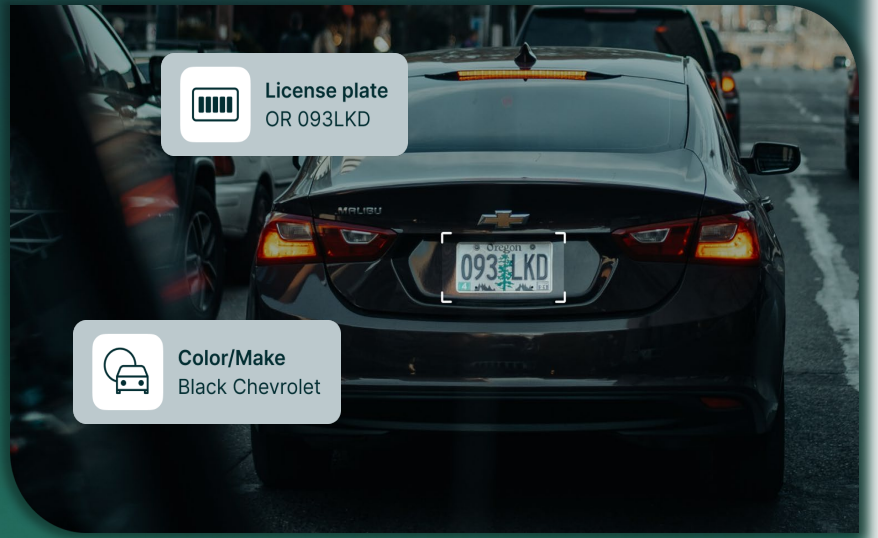
1. Describe the Flock Safety System
2. Sonoma County Auto Theft Task Force's need for Flock Safety and intended uses
3. Policies, Privacy, and Procedures for using Flock Safety System
4. Examples and future uses for Sonoma County Law Enforcement
5. Questions

What is Flock Safety?

What is ALPR?

Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology scans passing vehicles to capture readable images of license plates and vehicles.

The technology provides automated searching for stolen vehicles or vehicles associated with an active criminal investigation.



What is not captured:

- No people
- No facial recognition
- No traffic enforcement
- Indiscriminate evidence

What This IS

- License plate recognition
- Gathers objective evidence and facts about vehicles, not people
- Alerts law enforcement of wanted vehicles
- Used to solve crimes
- Adheres to all state laws

What This is NOT

- Not facial recognition
- Not tied to Personal Identifiable Information
- Not used for traffic enforcement
- Data not stored beyond 30 days → *automatically deletes every 30 days*
- Not unlawful sharing of information

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So. Co. Law Enforcement Association

- Funded by Vehicle Code 9250.14
- Sheriff is designated fiscal agent
- Partnership with Sonoma County Law Enforcement Agencies
- Mission to investigate and prosecute vehicle theft crimes

Policies, Privacy, and Procedures

Protecting Privacy

- Footage owned by Agency/City and will never be sold or shared by Flock
- 30 day data retention, then deleted
- Short retention period ensures that all data not associated with a crime is automatically deleted & unrecoverable
- Takes human bias out of crime-solving by detecting objective data, and detecting events that are objectively illegal (ex. stolen vehicles)
- All data is stored securely in the Amazon Web Services cloud, and end to end encryption of all data
- Search reason is required for audit trail
- NOT facial recognition software
- NO Personal Identifying Information (PII) is contained in Flock
- NOT used for traffic enforcement
- Not connected to registration data or 3rd party databases (Carfax, DMV)

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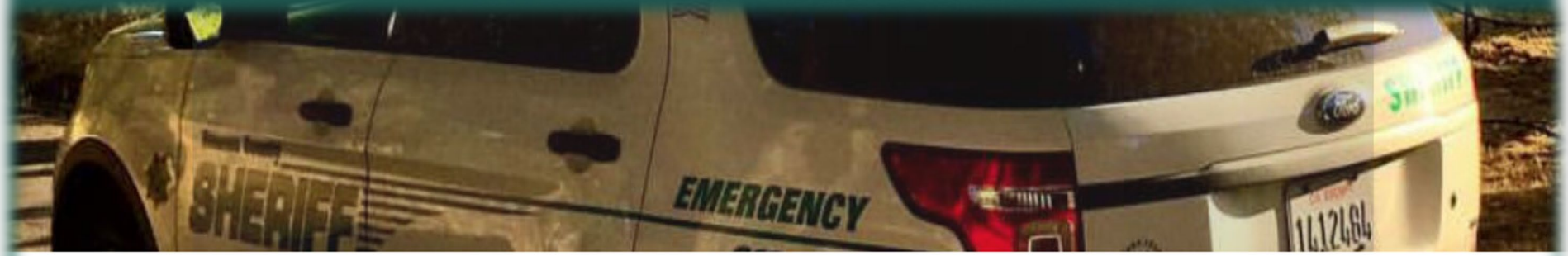

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Policies and Training

Policies

The most requested policies are listed below. Click on each policy to read it. **Click here** to read all the Detention Division (Jail) policies. Redactions have been made pursuant to Government Code 6254 and 6255. **Click here** to read all the Detention Division (Jail) procedures. **Click here** to read all the Law Enforcement Division (Patrol) policies.

Mission Statement, Core Values

Procedures

- All camera locations and users will have approved ALPR policy by applicable governing body
- Sheriff's Policy on Sheriff's website complies with all laws and regulations, including Civil Code 1798.90.50-1798.90.55 pertaining to policy, including data sharing, and data security matters
- All Flock Safety database inquires will require same criteria as other existing law enforcement investigative databases (reasonable cause)
- All users must complete required training
- Data will not be shared with agencies outside of the State of California without court order

Already Solving and Preventing Crime

Local Examples

Widely Adopted in the Area

Healdsburg
Santa Rosa (Adopted)
Cotati (vehicle ALPR)
Petaluma (vehicle ALPR)
City of Sonoma (in progress)
Town of Windsor (in progress)

City of Napa
Novato
Calistoga
Clearlake
Cotati HOA*

St. Helena
Napa County SO
Novato
Foothill HOA*
Rohnert Park
(vehicle ALPR)

Berkeley
Vallejo
Fairfield
Vacaville
Lake County SO

* Many more commercial and private customers

Widley used in many other areas in the Bay Area and across Northern and Southern California

Questions