

flock safety



Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

June 10th 2024



Today's Topics

- Introduction to Flock
- Addressing Community Concerns
 - Privacy
 - Number of Cameras
 - Location of Cameras
 - Aesthetics

What is Flock?

- Founded in 2017
- License Plate Reader (LPR) Technology
- Used in 42 US States and 4,000+ cities;



Monterey County Agencies Using Flock

- Pacific Grove PD - 12
- Salinas PD - 72
- Marina - 20
- Seaside - 25 + 1 mile gunshot detection
- Sand City - 10
- Monterey - 34
- Soledad- 6 (final council approval next week)
- Monterey Co - 60


How Flock Works?


- Photographs license plates and stores that image in the cloud
- Sends a notification to email or phone if a:
 - Stolen vehicle is detected
 - Stolen license plate is detected
 - Amber or Silver alert (Missing children/adults)
 - Manuel entry for wanted person or vehicle


What happens when a wanted vehicle passes a FLOCK camera?

A text message or email is sent to the police officers on duty, notifying them of a stolen vehicle/wanted vehicle/missing person. A photograph is also sent

Plate	→ CA 7EMS6	Source	California SVS	Camera	#13 Leavesley Rd @
Date	5/14/2024, 11:34:23 AM	Topic	Stolen Vehicle	Network	101 Off Ramp - WB
	3 hours ago				Gilroy CA PD







Recent Carmel Police Department Flock Alerts:


04/30/2024: A person wanted for sexual assaulting a 7 year old in Seaside was captured on Flock. The suspect was arrested.

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Plate

CA 9E7C9


Date


4/29/2024, 11:30:36 AM


Location

#18 Monte verde St @ 6th Ave - SB

Plate	List Name	Camera
CA 9E7C9	Suspicious vehicle	#06 Ocean Ave @ Junipero St - EB
Date	Case Number	Network
4/30/2024, 3:02:42 PM	Seaside 288	Carmel CA PD
15 minutes ago	Reason Seaside	

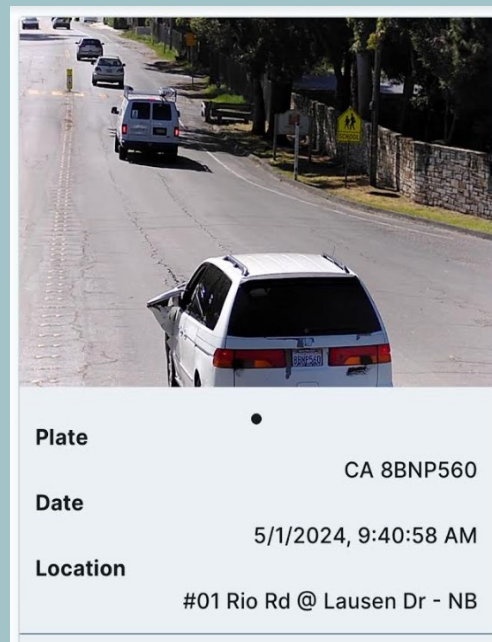
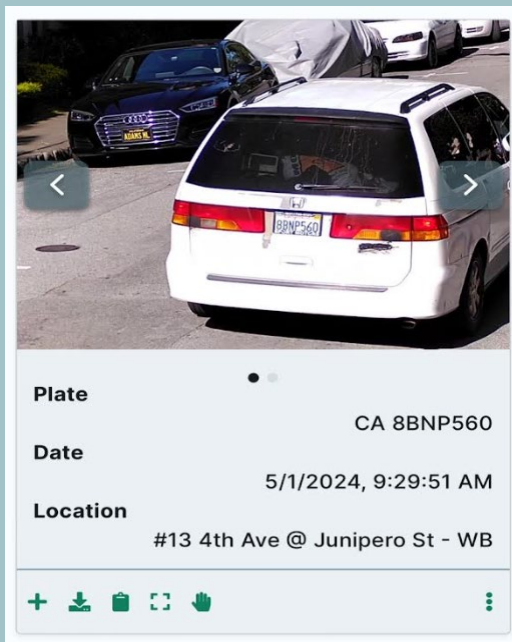






Recent Carmel Police Department Flock Alerts:

On 5/1/24, Seaside and Monterey Police were searching for a carjacker, burglar, and kidnapper, last seen driving a white van with license plate 8BNP560



Privacy Concerns



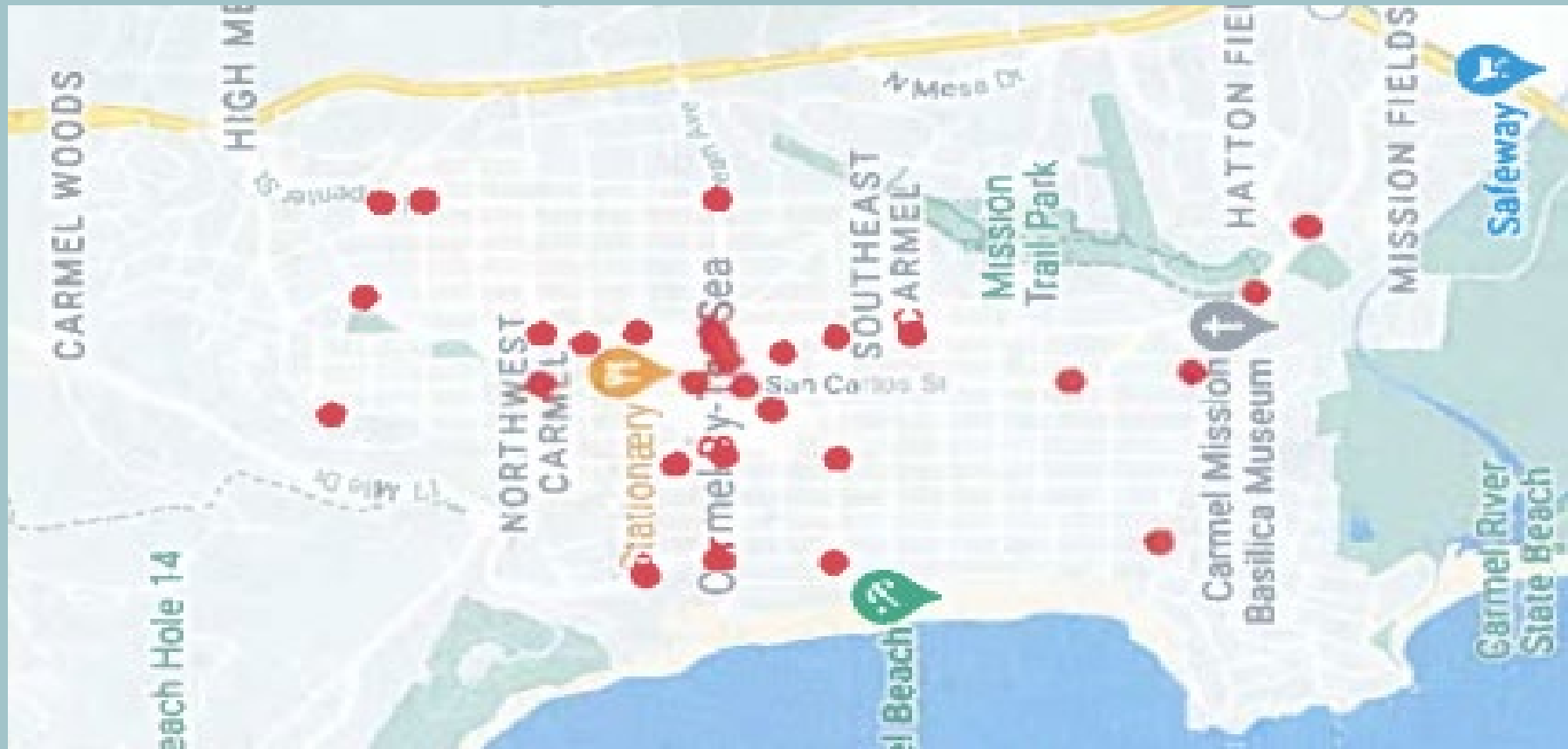
- Flock does **not** capture people (i.e Facial recognition)
- Data is only retained for 30 days
- Manual searches for license plates can be done but only with a report number or reported crime (Misdemeanor or Felony)
- Flock does not continuously record or record live feeds
 - We do have 6 perimeter cameras that do live feed (approved by council in 2017)



Transparency Portal

- ci.carmel.ca.us/police-fire
- External organizations share
- Number of searches in last 30 days (29 as of 5/14/24)
- Public Search Audit (Date, time, reason why the search was done)

Camera Locations in CBTs



Number of Cameras

What's the Right Number?

Valuable tool for Police

- Crime Trends
 - Robbery/Theft Crews
 - Sideshow Activity
- Missing Persons
- Stolen Vehicles



CARMEL POLICE OUT NUMBERED BY CRAZY SUPERCARS STUNTING!!

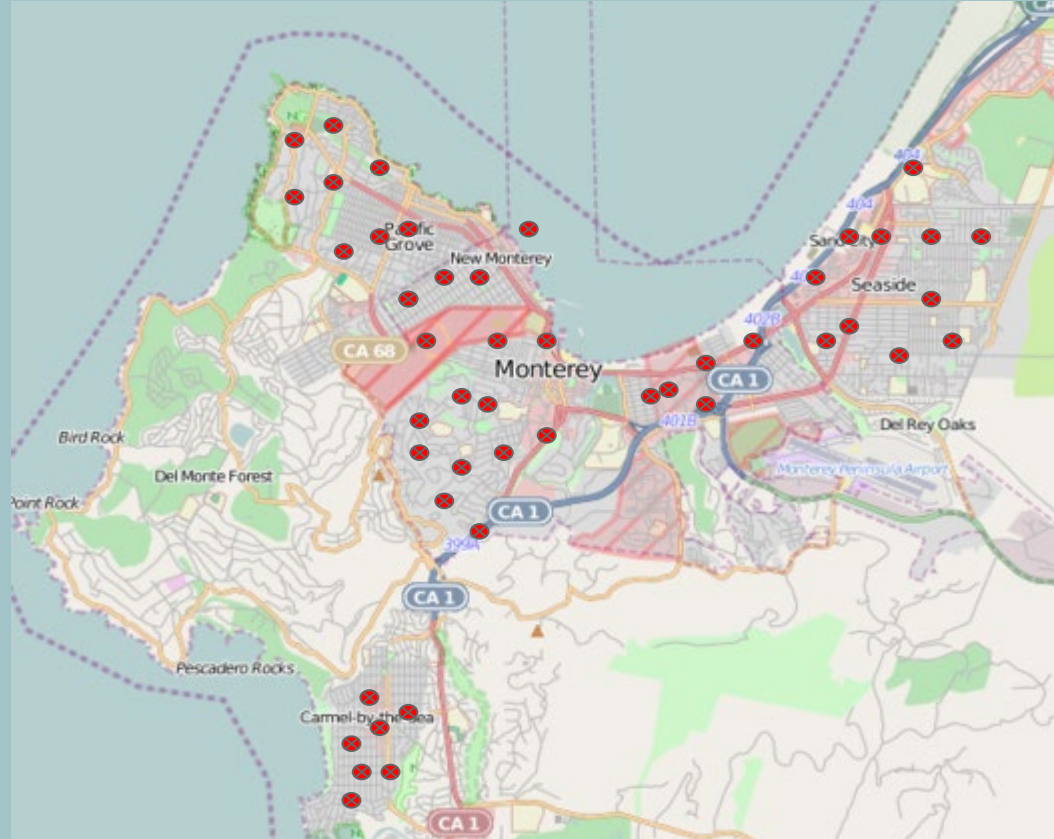


Number of Cameras

- Crime Fighting Techniques
 - 2000 era – ROPE – Roadblock Observation Plan or Enforcement
 - Flock helps us prevent crime and Catch Criminals
- Change in Policing
 - Techniques
 - Staffing

Network of Cameras

- Using Technology to our Advantage



Number of Cameras

What is a good Balance?

Goal

- Keep Community Safe
- Prevent Crime
- Solve Crimes
- Business District Only?
- Residential District Only?
- Combination?



Aesthetics

What do we want?

- Solar?
- Electric?
- Combination? (Electric where possible?)

Goal: Place cameras in the most beneficial locations while not disrupting the look of the village.



Questions



Recommendation

Chief's Recommendation!!!

1. Begin w/Flock Cameras at Perimeter Camera Locations (6)- Outer Perimeter
2. Add Cameras around Business District (10-17)-Inner Perimeter-No cameras in residential area (except for (6) on Perimeter Cameras
3. Look for hardwiring options in as many locations as possible- Light Poles, PG&E poles, Eaves of businesses. Solar only in areas where no other option is available.
4. Provide yearly report to council on camera use. (Justify Numbers) Council to approve contract extension & number of cameras.

Next Steps

- Identify locations in business district where cameras can remain, be installed, be removed. Come back in July with specific locations and numbers of cameras in downtown between 10-20.