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Jeffery Carroll, Interim Chief of Police
Metropolitan Police Department

Via Email

Dear Interim Chief Carroll,

Security and privacy are fundamental rights for our residents -- we must always balance the dual important duties of our government to protect the public's safety and to safeguard our civil liberties. Camera technology, when used properly, can be a useful tool to assist law enforcement in locating stolen vehicles, suspects in violent crimes, and missing persons; but, technology must be used in accordance with strict policies that prevent misuse.

In light of recent news regarding use of Flock Safety ("Flock") cameras across the nation and within the District of Columbia, as Chairwoman of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, the following letter includes several questions about Flock cameras that we request MPD respond to. **Please provide responses to these questions no later than close of business on Thursday, September 17, 2026.** If you have any questions or concerns about these questions or your ability to meet this deadline, please contact Esther Bundens, Senior Legislative Assistant, at ebundens@dcouncil.gov or Linn Groft, Committee and Legislative Director, at lgroft@dccouncil.gov.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "BE Pinto".

Brooke Pinto
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1. How was Flock initially brought to the District of Columbia and for how long has MPD had a contract with Flock?
2. In early August of 2026, Flock stated that it updated its software to automatically review all “abnormal activity” by law enforcement agencies using its system.¹ As of August, how many instances of misuse has Flock flagged for MPD through its “Audit Assistance” program?²
3. Flock has stated that it will require case codes for all law enforcement searches. How often was MPD using this lookup tool without case codes? What would be the reasoning behind using this technology without an active case associated?
4. The Department has previously stated to the Committee that it initiated a new routine audit of license plate readers (“LPRs”) pursuant to a new policy issued on April 30th that will cover May through July of 2026. What are the results of this audit? If there has been any misuse found, what has MPD done in response?
5. Is it within MPD policy to use Flock camera data for internal investigations? If so, what are the specific parameters for its use in these cases?
6. Last week, the DC Police Union stated that there was “improper use by management of Flock data” to conduct inquiries on MPD’s own officers. Is this claim true? If so, what was MPD’s justification for using this technology in this way?
7. Given that MPD already owns its own CCTV cameras and LPRs, why does MPD view a contract with Flock as necessary for public safety in the District?
8. Please specify exactly which aspects of the Flock technology MPD uses (for example, the lookup tool, interjurisdictional connectivity, etc.).
9. Flock has made the data retention period automatically set at 7 days, rather than the original 30 days. How long does MPD choose to keep data and what is the Department’s reasoning for this choice?

¹ *Police departments weren’t looking for officers abusing Flock. We did it for them.*, The Washington Post, [available here](#).

² *Flock Updates Privacy, Accountability, Security, and Transparency Safeguards*, Flock Safety, [available here](#).

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10. Is MPD aware of any other law enforcement agency within the District with its own contract with Flock (i.e. on federal land)? If so, is MPD given access to the data from those cameras? Can those jurisdictions access the cameras that are contracted to MPD?