



BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 18, 2026
6:30 PM

Leeper Center, 3800 Wilson Avenue, Wellington, CO

Work Session Agenda

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A. ITEMS

1. Larimer County Sheriff's Office Presentation

- Presentation: Sheriff John Feyen

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- **Presentation: Sheriff John Feyen**

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

A Flock camera is an automated license plate reader system that can be used by law enforcement to track vehicle movements, capture license plates, and log vehicle characteristics.

The motion-activated, pole-mounted cameras take photos of passing vehicles, recording the license plate, make, model, color and unique features like bumper stickers or roof racks. Information captured by flock cameras is uploaded instantly to a centralized cloud network, flagging vehicles linked to active Amber Alerts, warrants, or stolen vehicle databases, and allowing police forces to share and search data across different jurisdictions.

While rules vary at different agencies, Flock cameras are designed to temporarily hold collected data and delete it after a predetermined period of time has passed.

Wellington program

The Larimer County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) started using Flock cameras in Wellington in late 2022 at three locations. Since then, the program has expanded to include cameras at 6 locations:

- Highway 1/County Road 9
- Interstate 25 Frontage Road/Jefferson Avenue
- Cleveland Ave/westbound I25 (just past the ramps)
- 6th Street/Cleveland Avenue southbound
- 6th Street/Cleveland Avenue northbound
- County Road 7/County Road 64

Since the start of the Flock camera program in Wellington, members of LCSO have presented to the Wellington Board of Trustees two times regarding the program's impact on the community:

- **April 18, 2023 BOT work session**
- **May 14, 2024 BOT meeting**

Cost

Until this year (2026), the Flock camera program was in a testing phase meaning there was no cost to the Town.

During the 2026 budget process, LCSO advised Town staff that it had applied for grant funding to partially offset the cost of the Flock camera program in Wellington. LCSO was ultimately not awarded the grant, and the Town's first-quarter 2026 invoice included a \$17,000 charge for the program.

To ensure the Town was prepared if grant funding was not received, \$17,000 was included as a separate line



item in the 2026 LCSO budget.

Because the program represents an ongoing cost, its continued use and funding will be evaluated as part of the 2027 budget process.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For Board of Trustee discussion.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Presentation



ALPR Technology Briefing

Automated License Plate Reading in Wellington & Larimer County: Balancing
Public Safety, Constitutional Rights & Data Privacy



Deployment Timeline





What ALPR Technology Is

-  Point-in-Time Snapshot: Records an objective image of a vehicle passing a specific camera point at an exact date and time.
-  Vehicle Identification: Captures clear images of the rear vehicle exterior, license plate number, color, and unique features.
-  Investigative Lead Tool: Acts as a digital witness for law enforcement after a crime has been reported in the area.



What ALPR Does Not Do



No Route Tracking

The system does NOT track live continuous vehicle movements or map out your driving route across town.



No Destination Data

It does NOT capture where a driver started, where they are going, or record origin/destination points.



No Facial Recognition

It does NOT take pictures of the driver or passengers inside the vehicle.



30-Day Operational Snapshot

49

Countywide Cameras

6 Deployed in
Wellington

721

Official Searches

Targeted criminal
investigations

723K+

Unique Vehicles

7,073

Hotlist Alerts

CCIC, NCIC, AMBER &
CBI hits

Strict Retention Limit: All data is automatically and permanently purged after **30 days** unless flagged for active criminal evidence.



Agency Data Sharing Network



80+ Colorado Agencies

Shared with verified state law enforcement partners (e.g. Loveland, Berthoud, CSP) for cross-jurisdictional crime fighting.



600+ National Agencies

Connected with out-of-state law enforcement for severe cases like multi-state kidnappings and AMBER Alerts.



0 Federal Agencies

LCISO shares ZERO ALPR data with federal law enforcement agencies.



Authorized & Prohibited Uses



Authorized Law Enforcement Uses

Crime Prevention: Stolen vehicle recovery, active crime deterrence.

Criminal Investigations: Homicide, burglary, assault, robbery leads.

Emergency Alerts: AMBER Alerts, Silver Alerts, CBI Endangered Person hits.

Warranted Arrests: Locating fugitives with active CCIC/NCIC felony warrants.



Strictly Prohibited Uses

Immigration Enforcement: Prohibited under state law and department policy.

Reproductive Rights: Tracking individuals seeking healthcare is explicitly banned.

Personal / Non-Official Use: Misuse results in immediate termination and prosecution.

Public Access / Data Sales: System data is non-public and barred from commercial sale.



Data Privacy Safeguards



Contractual Ownership (§4.1): LCSO exclusively owns all data. Vendor is legally prohibited from owning or selling customer data.



Mandatory Human Verification: Officers must visually verify license plates before taking action—preventing errors from misreads.



Policy & Bi-Weekly Usage Audits: Audits occur every 2 weeks to log officer IDs, case numbers, and search justifications.





Constitutional Framework



US v. Knotts (1983)

Establishes no expectation of privacy in movements on public thoroughfares observable to the eye.



Jones & Carpenter

Barred continuous 24/7 long-term GPS/Cell tracking without a warrant ("Mosaic Theory").



Chatrue v. US (2026)

Reinforces key legal distinction between continuous tracking vs. discrete, fixed public road snapshots.



Solving Crimes & Saving Lives



Questions & Discussion