Edina Police Department
2025 ALPR Audit (Flock)

Executive Summary

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Background:

Edina Police Department retained Minnesota Security Consortium to audit its agency's use of their new Flock ALPR System against the requirements of MN Statute 13.824. Minnesota Security Consortium does not operate or have access to their ALPR systems, therefore allowing it to audit the systems as an independent auditor. Edina Police Department had their new Flock ALPR system operational between 10/1/23 and 7/31/25. They had 18 active stationary Flock ALPR units and no Flock mobile units, at the time of this audit.

Department Policy & Procedures:

Edina Police Department has an ALPR Policy in place entitled, "Policy Number 770.00: Automated License Plate Recognition System." They have been keeping their policy updated and have recently reviewed it. A review of this policy found that the Edina Police Department was compliant in this part of the statute.

Record Retention:

The Edina Police Department ALPR Flock administrative control panel was audited to ensure that each setting was set for a retention period of no more than 60 days. The entire Flock system has a default 30-day retention period, which is set by the manufacturer. This was confirmed by the Flock Vehicle Reads Report. Edina Police Department was found to be compliant with this part of the statute.

Data Security and Access Control:

The Edina Police Department's ALPR system is protected by an Access Control system built into the Flock backend server application. Users and groups were found to be current and appropriate for the intended use by the agency, allowing users only the minimum access that they need to perform their functions. User accounts and role-based accounts are reviewed on a regular basis by ALPR Administrators. The ALPR Administrators are appointed by the Edina Police Department. A review of all users and their assigned roles was conducted as part of this audit. Roles and access were consistent for each user's job description.

The Edina Police Department was found to be compliant in this part of the statute.

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Data Classification:

Edina Police Department classifies its ALPR Data as private unless access is permitted by law. Public data requests of data collected on a license plate owner's vehicle are readily available through a proper records request via the Edina Police Department. Citizens can fill out the agency's data request form, "Edina Police Department Classified Data Access Request" at the Public Safety Front Desk. Citizens can also fill out an online request found at:

https://www.edinamn.gov/FormCenter/Contact-UsShare-a-Concern-33/Public-Data-Request-Minnesota-Government-235

Edina Police Department was found to be compliant with this part of the statute.

Sharing Among Law Enforcement Agencies:

Appropriate sharing of ALPR data is conducted through inter-agency requests. Agencies can also fill out the online Edina Police Department Classified Data Access Request. The requests are documented by agency name, reason and case number. We collected a redacted version of this tracking spreadsheet for the audit. As a result of these findings, Edina Police Department was found to be compliant with this part of the statute.

Public Log of Use:

Edina Police Department has been working with Flock to develop the monthly reports that contain the requirements of 13.824 Subd. 5. Sample reports from the past two months were reviewed during the audit process. These public logs of use are readily available through a proper records request through the Edina Police Department. Edina Police Department was found to be compliant with this part of the statute.

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Notification to Bureau of Criminal Apprehension:

Edina Police Department has made the required notification to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. This was validated on the BCA website. Edina Police Department was found to be compliant with this part of the statute.

Biennial Public Accountability Audit:

This is their first ALPR Audit of the new Flock system, and they plan on continuing an independent audit every two years, per MN Statute 13.824. Command and IT Staff were very cooperative throughout the entire audit process and understood the intent of the public accountability and provided easy access to policies and procedures, staff interviews, and audit of their ALPR Reports. Edina Police Department was found to be compliant with this part of the statute.

Breach Notification:

The Edina Police Department utilizes the City's Security "Incident Response Plan" which includes procedures for Breach Notification. This is consistent with MN Statute 13.055 and MN Statute 13.824. Edina Police Department was found to be compliant with this part of the statute

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Conclusion:

Based on the results of the Edina Police Department ALPR Audit conducted by Minnesota Security Consortium, we can demonstrate that they were using the ALPR System as an effective law enforcement tool for the purpose of combating auto theft and other crimes linked to vehicle license plates. The Edina Police Department also demonstrated that their security, public accountability, and administration of the program followed MN Statue 13.824.

This Audit was conducted and attested to by:

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Submitted to:

- Edina Chief of Police
- Minnesota Commissioner of Administration
- Legislative Commission on Data Practices and Personal Data Privacy
- Required Chairs of Legislative Committees
- Minnesota Legislative Library