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Minnetrista Police Department 2026 ALPR Audit (Flock System)

Executive Summary

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Background:

Minnetrista 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. Minnetrista Police Department had their new Flock ALPR system operational between 6/1/24 to 5/31/26. They had 4 stationary Flock ALPR units at the time of this audit. This is their first Flock ALPR Audit.

Department Policy & Procedures:

Minnetrista Police Department has an ALPR Policy in place entitled, "General Order #528: Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR)." They have been keeping their policy updated and it appears to contain all the basic policy sections to conform to MN Statute 13.824. We recommend that all ALPR policies be reviewed by Minnetrista's legal and compliancy departments, as this audit does not render a legal opinion on policy matters. Their currently approved policy is readily available to the public online at:

<https://www.cityofminnetrista.gov/public-safety-emergency-management/page/automated-license-plate-reader-alpr-flock>

Record Retention:

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

Data Security and Access Control:

The Minnetrista Police Department's ALPR system is protected by an Access Control system built into the Flock backend server application. Members of the Minnetrista Police Department must undergo in-service training of the ALPR Policy prior to being permitted to use the ALPR System. User accounts and role-based accounts are reviewed on a regular basis by ALPR Administrators. A review of sampled users and their assigned roles was conducted as part of this audit. Roles and access were consistent for each user's job description, and sampling showed that users were being de-activated when no longer with the agency or using the system. The Minnetrista Police Department was found to be compliant in this part of the statute.

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Data Classification:

Minnetrissa Police Department ALPR Data that has been collected is classified as private unless access is permitted by law. Data requests for data collected on a license plate owner's vehicle are readily available through a proper records request via the Minnetrista Police Department. They can make this request via email, phone, or in person at the Police Department.

Minnetrissa 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. The requests are documented in the Flock system by agency and justification. A sample of the whole month of May 2026 was reviewed as part of the audit, and all searches had a justifiable reason for the ALPR data shared to the requesting agency. As a result of these findings, Minnetrista Police Department was found to be compliant with this part of the statute.

Public Log of Use:

The Flock ALPR system also contains a robust audit trail which was sampled to determine if it is logging access by users properly. Minnetrista Police Department compiles monthly reports that contain the requirements of 13.824 Subd. 5. Sample reports were reviewed during the audit process. These public logs of use are readily available through a proper records request through the Minnetrista Police Department. Minnetrista Police Department was found to be compliant with this part of the statute.

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Notification to Bureau of Criminal Apprehension:

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

Biennial Public Accountability Audit:

Minnetrissa Police Department installed their new Flock ALPR system in 2024. 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 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. Minnetrista Police Department was found to be compliant with this part of the statute.

Breach Notification:

The Minnetrista Police Department's "General Order #528: Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR)" policy addresses Breach Notification requirements in section 4.0 (D), "Breaches of personal data are addressed as set forth in the Protected Information Policy (Minn. Stat. § 13.055)."

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

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Conclusion:

Based on the results of the Minnetrista 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 Minnetrista Police Department also demonstrated that their security, public accountability, and administration of the program followed MN Statute 13.824.

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Submitted to:

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