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Corcoran Police Department 2026 ALPR Audit (Flock)

Executive Summary

Prepared for City of Corcoran Police Department

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Background:

The Corcoran Police Department retained the Minnesota Security Consortium to audit its agency's use of their new Flock ALPR System against the requirements of MN Statute 13.824. The Minnesota Security Consortium does not operate or have access to their ALPR systems, therefore allowing it to audit the system as an independent auditor. The Corcoran Police Department had their new Flock ALPR system operational between 7/1/24 to 4/30/26. They had 9 active stationary Flock ALPR units They had no squad mounted mobile units, at the time of this audit.

Department Policy & Procedures:

The Corcoran Police Department has an ALPR Policy in place entitled, "Policy 427: Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR)." They have been keeping their policy updated and have recently reviewed it in 2025. A review of this policy found that the Corcoran Police Department was compliant with this part of the statute.

Record Retention:

The Corcoran Police Department's 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. Corcoran Police Department was found to be compliant with this part of the statute.

Data Security and Access Control:

The Corcoran 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 Corcoran Police Department's Police Chief. 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 Corcoran Police Department was found to be compliant in this part of the statute.

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Data Classification:

The Corcoran 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 Corcoran Police Department. Citizens can fill out the agency's data request form, "INFORMATION DISCLOSURE REQUEST" at the Public Safety Front Desk.

https://www.corcoranmn.gov/how_do_i/request_data

This form can also be sent via email or at the Front Desk of the Police Department.

Citizens can also fill out an online request found at:

<https://www.corcoranmn.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=15543764&pageId=15558024>

The Corcoran 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 for the whole month of April 2026 was reviewed as part of the audit, and all samples had a justifiable reason for the ALPR data share by the requesting agency.

As a result of these findings, the Corcoran 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. The Corcoran 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 via a proper records request through the Corcoran Police Department. The Corcoran Police Department was found to be compliant with this part of the statute.

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Notification to Bureau of Criminal Apprehension:

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

Biennial Public Accountability Audit:

This is the Corcoran Police Department's first ALPR Audit of their new Flock system, and they plan on continuing an independent audit every two years, per MN Statute 13.824. Command and Evidence 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. The Corcoran Police Department was found to be compliant with this part of the statute.

Breach Notification:

The Corcoran Police Department addresses breach notification responsibilities in its "Policy 805: Protected Information" which includes procedures for Breach Notification. The Corcoran Police Department was found to be compliant with MN Statute 13.055 and MN Statute 13.824.

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Conclusion:

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

This Audit was conducted and attested to by:

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Submitted to:

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