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Columbus Division of Police Announces Update To Transparency Portal Adding Flock

COLUMBUS, Ohio – As part of its ongoing commitment to community transparency, the Columbus Division of Police announces the addition of a Flock page to its online portal, a resource that provides the public with access to the Division's use of Flock technology. The portal can be found here: <https://www.columbus.gov/Services/Public-Safety/Police/Police-Transparency>

The Flock portal is designed to promote transparency and accountability through public access to information about the department's utilization of Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology. This includes details on data retention practices, camera activity, number of searches, and sharing practices. This decision was made by Division leadership to give the Columbus community a clear understanding of how this technology is used and the safeguards that have been put into place.

The Columbus Division of Police uses ALPR technology as an investigative tool in various cases, including homicides, felony assaults, robberies, and missing or endangered persons.

Members of the community are encouraged to view the portal to learn more about the Division's Flock policies and commitment to its responsible usage.

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