

Stanford University Flock ALPR Report

FY24-25

In order to provide transparency to the community regarding the operation of Automated License Plate Reader cameras (ALPR system) owned by Stanford University, and in compliance with Stanford University Department of Public Safety (SUDPS) General Order 13.08, this report is produced and released publicly, on an annual basis. Data was compiled from the contracted ALPR provider, Flock Safety, and de-identified to protect the privacy of involved parties. This report covers data and summarized information for the period beginning September 1, 2024 and ending August 31, 2025. For questions, contact SUDPS at police@stanford.edu.

ALPR Access

During the specified time period, the ALPR system was used for law enforcement and public safety purposes, in primary and follow-up investigations of reported property crime, violent crime, and stalking, as well as other suspected criminal conduct. Additionally, the ALPR system was used to help DPS locate lost vehicles, individuals reported for welfare checks, and missing person investigations.

ALPR Audit Data

Total unique ALPR searches: 1,742

Total number of investigations utilizing ALPR: 129

Number of SUDPS personnel conducting ALPR searches: 20

SUDPS Employee Conduct

During the time period, there were no investigations regarding employee violations of policy or procedure.

Community Concerns and Complaints

SUDPS did not receive any formal complaints regarding the use of the ALPR system. SUDPS did receive feedback from community members via email, community forums like a Stanford

Community Residential Leaseholders meeting and in the Infrastructure Safety and Security Committee that provides oversight for Video safety and Security Systems on campus. The primary concern was the privacy of the data, which SUDPS has communicated is restricted to internal use for Stanford University and SUDPS. Stanford Flock data is not shared across the Flock network and can only be authorized for release by written request to the Office of General Counsel or by subpoena or search warrant; there is an exception to this request process if there is an exigent public safety circumstance for the data request or if another local agency is investigating a crime on campus. No data was provided by the university to parties external to the university.

Additionally, SUDPS has heard from crime victims, including those who had their car or car parts stolen, or other items taken or damaged while parked in Stanford University parking lots. These victims have advocated strongly for additional cameras as a deterrent and to support investigations.

The next annual report, for fiscal year 2025-26, will be published by December 31, 2026.