

# **Monroe Township Police Department Community Information Handout: Flock Safety Cameras, Privacy & Security**

A Message from Chief Griffin Banos

The Monroe Township Police Department is aware of recent online discussions and a technical research paper regarding Flock Safety camera systems. We want to provide clear, accurate information to our residents about what this means for public safety, data security, and privacy in our community.

## **Was Flock Safety hacked?**

No. Flock Safety's cloud platform has never been hacked, and there has been no data breach involving Monroe Township Police Department information. There has been no unauthorized access, theft, or leak of data collected by our department.

## **What was the recent report about?**

An independent security researcher published a paper in November 2025 compiling previously disclosed technical vulnerabilities related to certain Flock hardware and software components. These findings were identified and responsibly disclosed earlier in 2025, reported to the National Vulnerability CVE database through MITRE, and addressed through customer advisories and ongoing security updates. None of the issues were new, and none affected our ability to carry out public safety operations.

## **Does this put Monroe Township residents at risk?**

No. Flock Safety has confirmed that none of the vulnerabilities impact community safety or police operations. Any attempted exploitation would require physical access to a device and advanced technical knowledge of internal hardware. This does not present a realistic or practical threat.

## **Was any Monroe Township Police Department data exposed?**

No. There has been no exposure, breach, or unauthorized access to our data.

## **Do residents or the police department need to take action?**

No. All Flock devices are owned, maintained, and secured by Flock Safety. The company continues to address findings through routine hardware and software updates.

## **How Your Privacy Is Protected – Who owns the data?**

The Monroe Township Police Department owns 100% of its data. Flock Safety does not sell data and does not share it without our authorization.

## **Who can access the data?**

Only authorized Monroe Township Police Department personnel can access our data. There is no back-door access for Flock and no automatic federal or outside agency access. All access is logged and auditable.

## **How long is data kept?**

License plate data is automatically deleted after a defined retention period. Flock's standard retention period is 30 days, unless adjusted based on local policy or legal requirements.

## **Does Flock collect personal information?**

No. Flock's ALPR system does not collect personally identifiable information (PII) such as names, addresses, driver's license or DMV records, or Social Security numbers.

## **Does Flock use facial recognition?**

No. Flock cameras do not perform facial recognition and do not identify people by race, gender, or other personal characteristics.

## **Why Monroe Township Uses Flock Safety**

Flock Safety cameras are used as an investigative tool, not for general surveillance. They help locate stolen vehicles, identify suspects in serious crimes, find missing persons, solve burglaries, robberies, and violent crimes, and improve overall community safety.

## **Our Commitment to You**

The Monroe Township Police Department takes cybersecurity and privacy seriously, works only with vendors that responsibly disclose vulnerabilities, supports federal Secure-by-Design principles, and regularly evaluates technology and security practices.

*Closing Message from Chief Griffin Banos*

*“Our residents’ safety and privacy go hand in hand. We remain confident in the safeguards protecting our systems and the responsible use of this technology. We will continue to monitor security developments closely and ensure that Monroe Township’s public safety tools remain both effective and respectful of civil liberties.”*

For additional questions or concerns: Please contact the Monroe Township Police Department or visit our website and social media pages for updates.