

FOX/ABC QUESTION:

For people who may not be familiar with these cameras, how does CPD use them and how have they helped officers here in Cheyenne?

CPD RESPONSE:

We use automatic license plate reader (ALPR) technology to protect our community and solve crimes. ALPR cameras capture temporary still images of license plates on public roads to help officers confirm investigative leads and locate suspect vehicles more quickly.

The technology has helped solve a variety of crimes, such as stolen vehicles, robberies, wanted sex offenders, drug trafficking cases, hit-and-runs, burglaries, locating escaped convicts and more.

Success stories:

- Officer Federer uses Flock to solve a shots fired call:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BiQKUKRYQ/>
- Det. McGraw uses Flock to solve a burglary case:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18vQPNh3Vt/>
- Crime Prevention Team officers use Flock to solve an aggravated robbery and motor vehicle theft case: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/185FXqfuUa/>
- Officers use Flock to solve a semi-trailer burglary case:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1D6WvxMZx4/>

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Green River recently decided not to move forward with similar cameras. How does the Cheyenne Police Department view that decision?

CPD RESPONSE:

We respect that each community makes decisions based on its own needs, priorities, and resources. The Cheyenne Police Department can only speak to our own process and the reasons we chose to implement this technology.

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We know some people here in Cheyenne have raised privacy concerns and are calling for the cameras to be removed. What would you want those residents to know?

CPD RESPONSE:

ALPR technology is an effective investigative tool that enhances public safety while respecting individual rights. The Cheyenne Police Department's policies help ensure that ALPRs are used responsibly, constitutionally, and with a strong focus on privacy, transparency, and accountability. During a public forum about Flock Safety in February, members called the CPD's policy the "gold standard" for this type of technology.

As with any technology, how it is used is important. There are safeguards in place to protect the public:

- The cameras do not use facial recognition and do not collect information about individuals, including gender, race, or other personal identifiers.
- They do not track vehicles in the whole of their movements. ALPRs take a point-in-time image of the license plate on public roadways.
- Data is automatically deleted after 30 days unless it is linked to an active investigation.
- They are not used for traffic enforcement (speed, red light violations, etc.)
- Access to Flock information is strictly controlled. Any search or request must be connected to a legitimate investigative purpose and properly documented.
- Camera locations are determined based on crime and traffic data resulting in placement on arterial roadways and not in residential neighborhoods.

These measures help ensure the technology is used responsibly while supporting officers in solving crimes and keeping our community safe.

We've created a dedicated webpage with information about the program. Our goal is to answer common questions, address concerns, and help clear up misinformation. Read the details here: <https://www.cheyennepd.org/Transparency/Flock-Safety-Cameras>

We also hosted a community meeting in March that answers many of these questions, the full recording is available online: https://youtu.be/d4kEX_0Qogs?si=i6wHehJ3wMjlhhHH