

Responsible Use of Flock

- SAFETY
- ACCOUNTABILITY
- LOCAL CONTROL



CONCERNS ARE LEGITIMATE

- PRIVACY
- DATA RETENTION
- DATA SHARING
- MISUSE



ELIMINATING THE TOOL DOES NOT TAKE AWAY THE PROBLEM...

- REMOVING THE CAMERAS DOES NOT REDUCE OR ELIMINATE CRIME
 - IT DOES NOT LESSEN THE NEED FOR INVESTIGATIVE TOOLS
 - IT DOES NOT ELIMINATE PRIVACY CONCERNS
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- THE REAL CHOICE IS NO TOOL OR A TOOL GOVERNED BY STRICT LOCAL RULES THAT WE CREATE TOGETHER

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE

- WE HAVE BUILT A 4 PART FRAMEWORK THAT YOU CAN HELP US STRENGTHEN
 - **PURPOSE** – STRICTLY DEFINED PUBLIC SAFETY USES
 - **ACCESS** – LIMITED TO TRAINED, AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL (DOUBLE SIGN-OFF)
 - **RETENTION** – MINIMAL RETENTION PERIOD (REDUCED TO 7 DAYS)
 - **OVERSIGHT** – AUDITS, CONSEQUENCES FOR MISUSE, IA INVESTIGATION

CHANGES BPD HAS MADE SINCE SPRING

Safeguard	Old Standards	New Standards
Restricted User Access	Trained Users- Only Detectives and Supervisors	• Trained Users- Only Detectives and Supervisors • Now requires dual sign offs on searches
ALPR Policy	Policy met existing standards	Policy strengthened and available for review
Monthly Audits	Periodic Review of searches	Monthly audits aided by audit assist
Network Sharing	• Access to data limited agencies in MA only • No collaboration with Federal agencies	<u>NO</u> outside agencies have access to our cameras or data
Data Retention	30 Days	Reduced to 7 Days
Transparency Portal	Not utilized	Enabled and integrated into our website Click here to access BPD Transparency Portal

BARNSTABLE CAN LEAD THE WAY

INSTEAD OF FOLLOWING THE COMMUNITIES ABANDONING TECHNOLOGY

- TAKE CONTROL OF IT
- GOVERN IT RESPONSIBLY

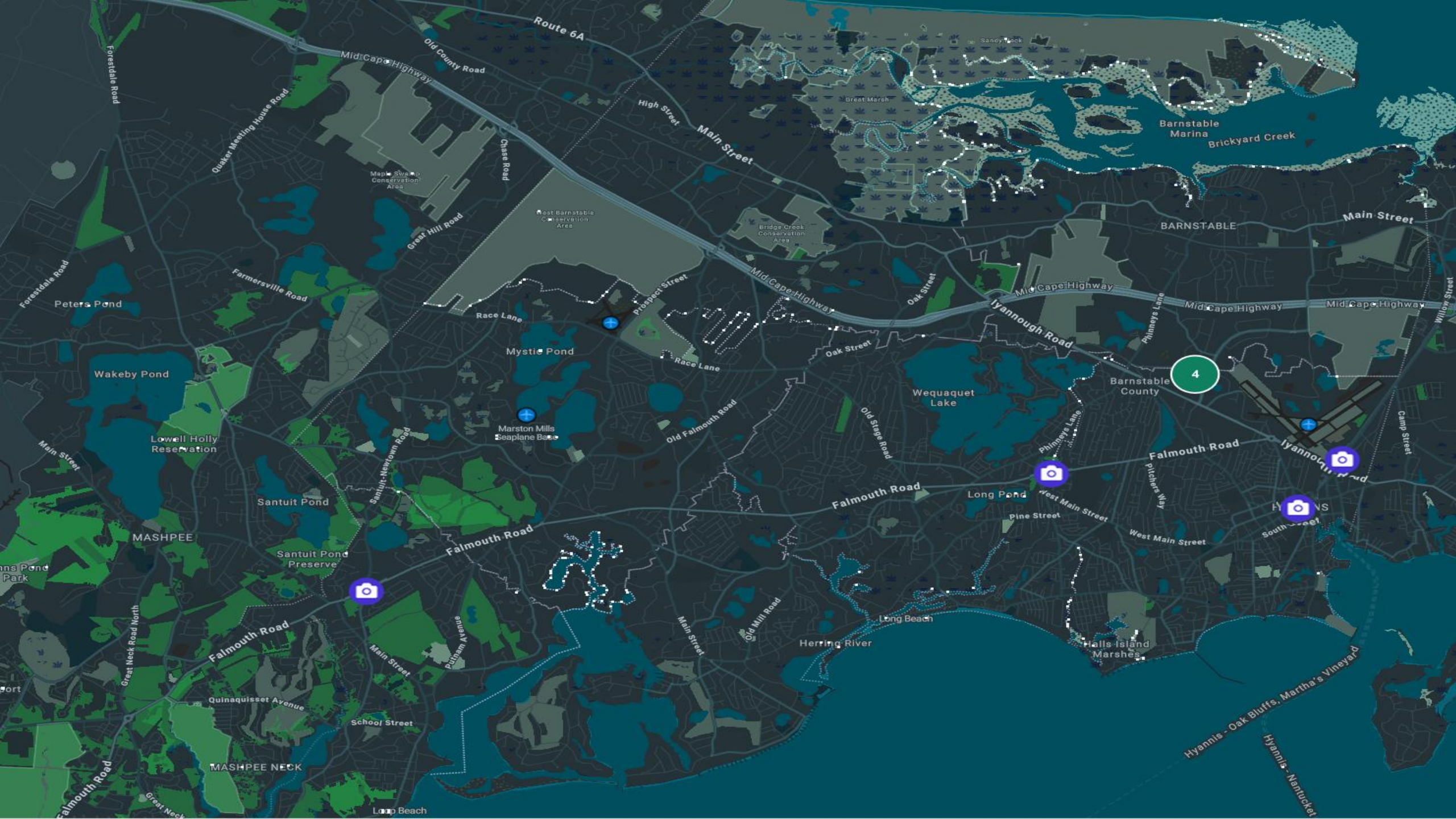


FLOCK HAS ALSO RESPONDED TO CONCERNS

- NEW DATA RETENTION PERIOD LIMITED TO 7 DAYS
 - BPD HAS ADOPTED THIS
- AUDIT ASSIST TECHNOLOGY THAT AUTOMATICALLY FLAGS
 - REPEATED SEARCHES OF SAME PLATE
 - REPEATED USES OF SAME SEARCH REASON OR CASE NUMBER
 - SEARCHES BEYOND NARROW TIME FRAME

RECAP OF HOW WE WILL CONTROL OUR USE

- IMPROVED OUR POLICY WITH STRICTER CONTROLS IN PLACE
- REDUCED RETENTION PERIOD FROM 30 DAYS TO 7 DAYS
- REQUIRE A DUAL SIGN-OFF FOR A SEARCH
- USE AUDIT ASSIST TECHNOLOGY TO HELP FLAG POTENTIAL MISUSE AND MAINTAIN MONTHLY AUDIT LOG
- MAINTAIN TRANSPARENCY PORTAL SO THAT ANYONE CAN SEE USE
- OUR DATA IS NOT SHARED WITH ANY OUTSIDE AGENCY, LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL
- WE HAVE **NO PLANS TO UTILIZE OTHER FLOCK PRODUCTS** AT THIS TIME AND WOULD SEEK COUNCIL APPROVAL PRIOR TO ANY LEASE OR PURCHASE. WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH THE COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE THE BEST SERVICE WHILE BALANCING INTERESTS.



How Flock Works

Capture

- The camera photographs the plate and vehicle as it passes.
- This identifies only the plate, vehicle make, body type
- The system has no access to, name, address or owner/operator information attached to the image

Dormant Storage

- The image is saved for 7 days, then automatically deleted

Search-Triggered Discovery

- A vehicle image is only viewed if a BPD user searches that specific plate or specific vehicle for a documented case
- If no search happens, no one ever sees it — it simply deletes after 7 days



Why a Warrant Isn't Required

- Think of it like a store's parking lot camera
 - It records every car that passes — but nobody is watching live
 - Footage is only pulled when there's already a reason to look for a specific car
 - Just as surveillance video overwrites itself after a week or two if its not downloaded, flock images delete if they are not searched.
- Massachusetts law reflects that: No warrant is required for ALPR searches
 - SJC upheld this in Commonwealth v. McCarthy (2020) — a plate read on a public road is not a search under Article 14
 - This is a Barnstable Police Case decided by the SJC that sets the statewide standard for ALPR use
- Searches still aren't unchecked
 - Every search needs a documented case number, is logged with user and time, suspicious searches are immediately flagged and all searches are reviewed in our monthly audit

Here is an example of how Flock is used

- In March of 2025 Barnstable Police responded to a shooting at Hyannis apartment complex
- Surveillance video showed two suspects exit a vehicle and fire multiple shots into the victims vehicle at close range then chase the vehicle out of the complex
- Utilizing Flock, Officers were able to identify the suspect vehicle chasing the victims vehicle prior to and after the shooting.
- This allowed officers to locate the victim at his residence and the suspect vehicle at its registered address in Brockton.
- A search warrant was obtained for the suspects vehicle and it was processed to determine the suspects identity.

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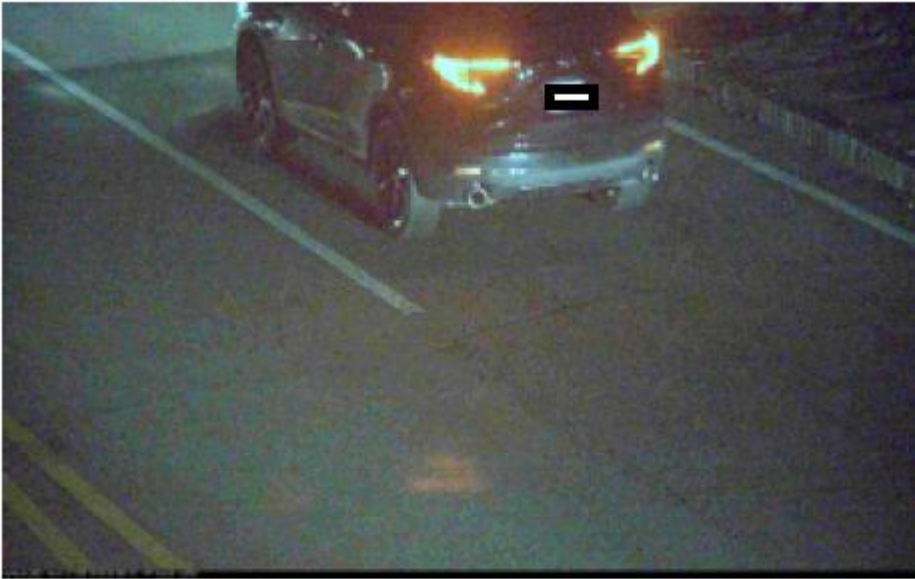


Camera 01

ALPR Readers During Active Investigations

Victims Vehicle fleeing shooting

Vehicle Images



Vehicle Spotted:
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Suspect vehicle 10 seconds behind victim

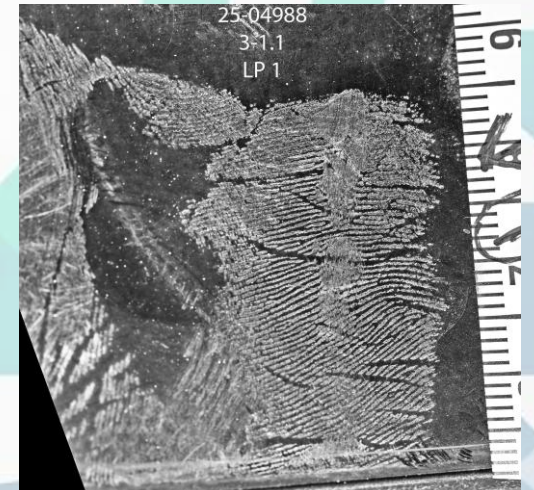
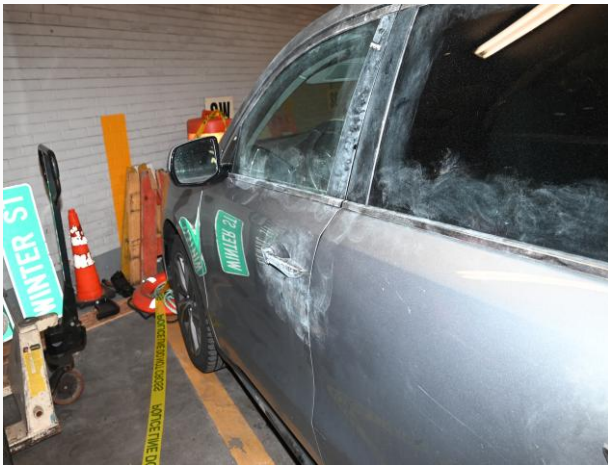
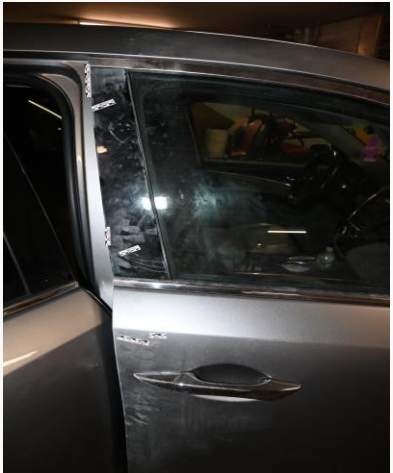
Vehicle Images



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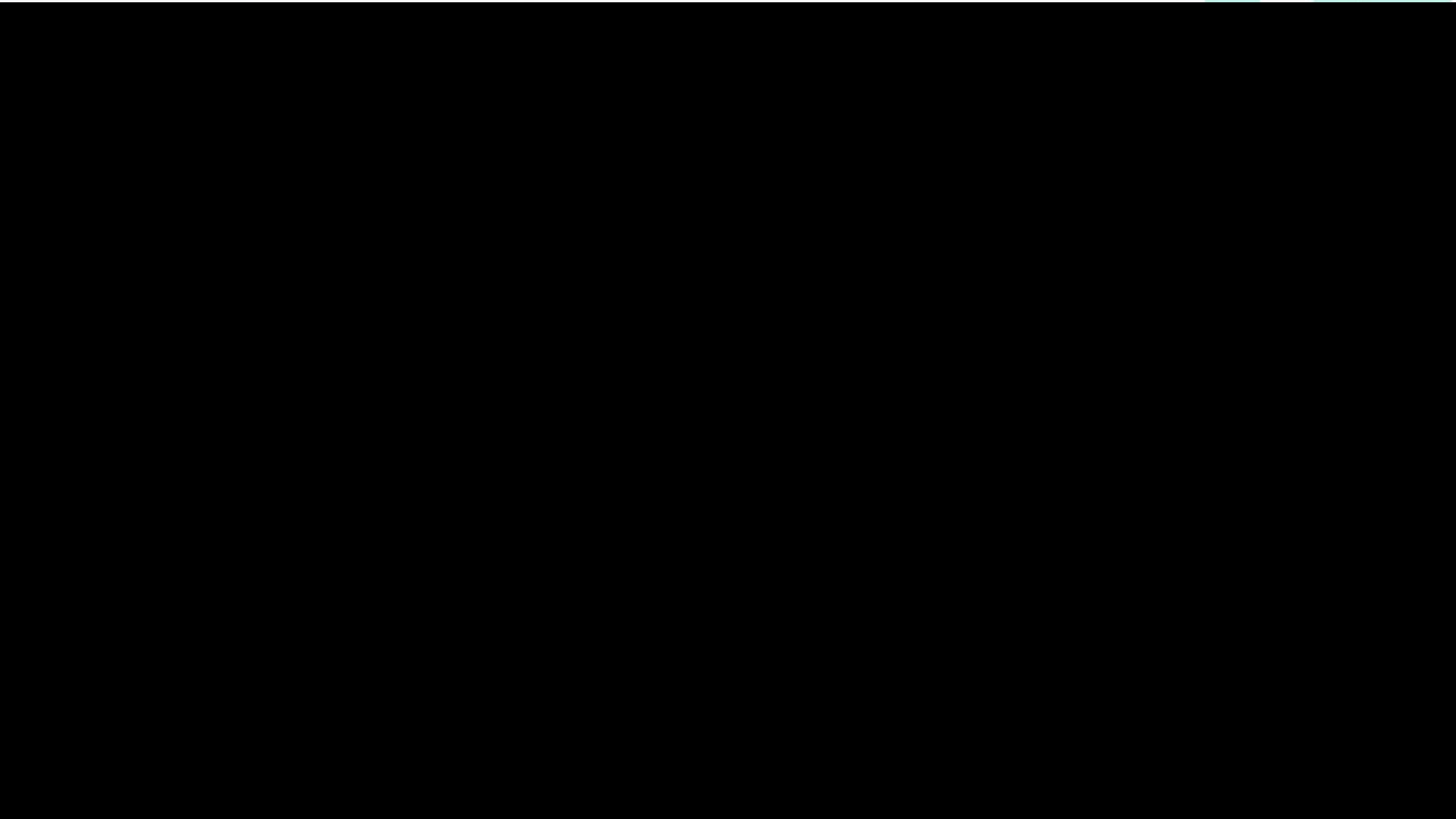
Flock's Accelerates the Discovery of Critical, Perishable Evidence

- Without the Flock cameras, this suspect vehicle would not have been identified and this crime would have been unsolved
- The suspects came directly from Brockton and attempted to execute the victim
- These communities fear of crime is influenced by our ability to quickly identify suspects and provide the community with answers
- Additionally, using Flock to identify a suspects vehicles significantly reduces the likelihood an unassociated vehicle being stopped because it matches a vehicle description

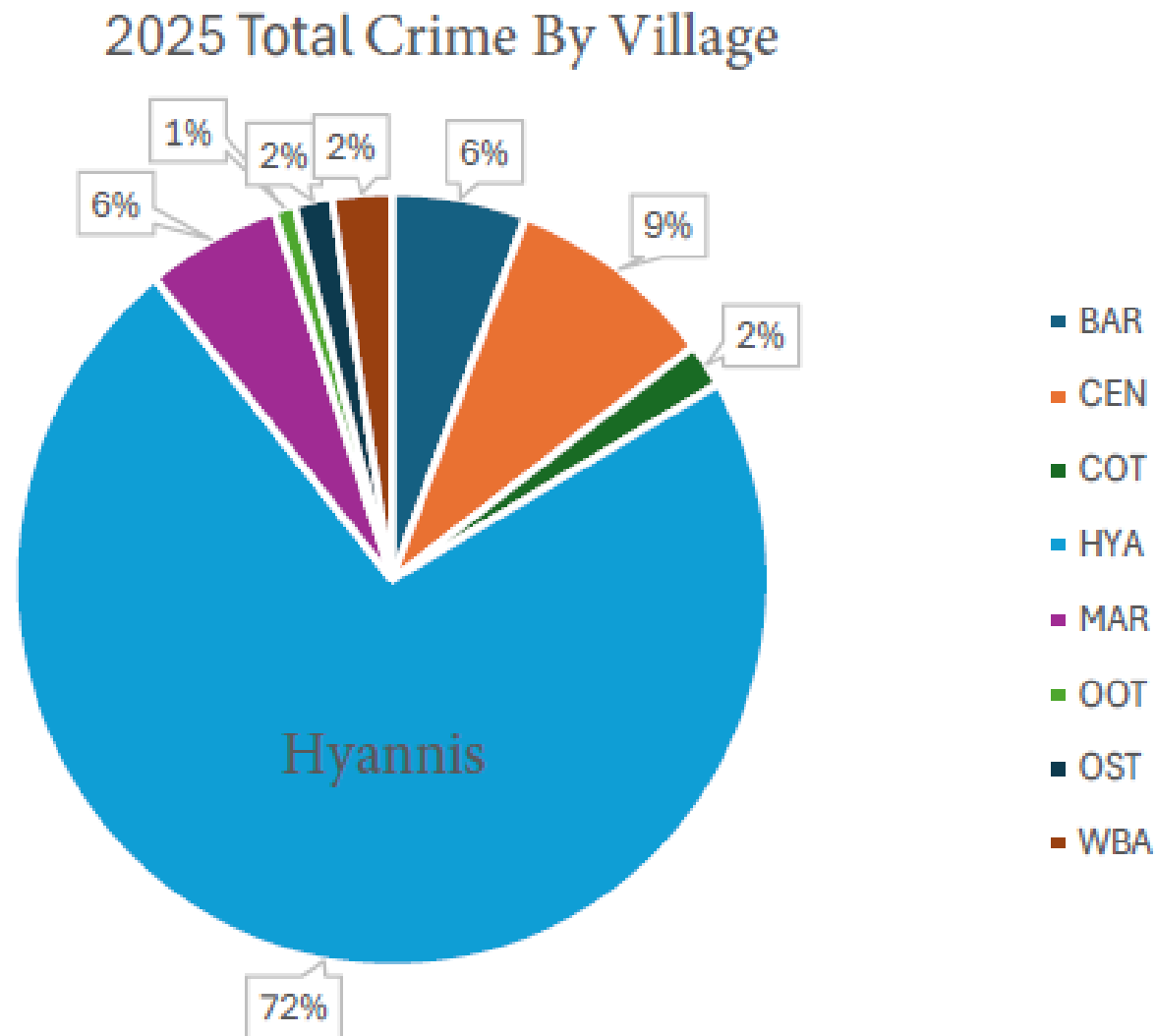


Craigville Beach Shooting May 2023

- Barnstable Police receive several 911 calls reporting a shooting at Craigville Beach
- Police locate an occupied vehicle in the parking lot struck by gunfire several times and a victim suffering from injuries
- Multiple witnesses observed 2 shooters on foot open fire an occupied vehicle and flee into a silver sedan parked nearby
- Surveillance video allowed detectives to use ALPRs to identify the suspect vehicle that was stolen 9 days earlier from a Hyannis resident
- Two days after the shooting, Wareham Police received a Flock notification and stopped the suspect vehicle
- Three suspects were placed under arrest and a loaded 9mm pistol was located



72% of 1,996 Crimes Reported occurred in Hyannis in 2025



How Flock's Safeguards Compare

Safeguard	Flock	Motorola	Axon
Data ownership	Agency owns 100%	Agency owns 100%	Agency owns 100%
Network Sharing default	Off by default	Off by default	Off by default
Facial recognition	Not used	Not Used	Not used
Every search logged	Yes, audit trail	Yes, auditable searches	Yes, audit log
Federal / ICE access	No contracts with ICE	Not addressed in materials	No standing access
Retention control	Agency-set	Agency-set	Agency-set