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March 18, 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for writing to the Champaign County Sheriff's Office with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

On March 12, 2026, we received your request for the following records:

- All requests for proposals, invitation for bids, and all responses to the same, relating to ALPRS
- All agreements, contracts, order forms, and invoices that include Flock Group Inc as a party from Feb 1, 2021, to when the request is processed
- Audit of searches executed by CCSO on Flock provided services by the agency for Jan 1, 2025, to when the request is processed
- Audit of searches of the CCSO's Flock network by agencies other than CCSO from Jan 1, 2025, to when the request is processed
- A list of current network share settings from Flock that include "Flock networks shared with me" and "Networks that I'm sharing"
- CCSO Policy Manual

Records responsive to the portion of your request seeking Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) data are exempt from disclosure.

The Champaign County Sheriff's Office has determined that any responsive ALPR data would be exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(d-7) of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which applies to "information gathered or records created from the use of automatic license plate readers in connection with Section 2-130 of the Illinois Vehicle Code."

Section 2-130(d) of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/2-130(d)) states that "ALPR information shall be held confidentially to the fullest extent of the law." Neither this provision nor the exemption contained in Section 7(1)(d-7) of FOIA provides an exception allowing individuals to obtain ALPR information regarding their own vehicles.

The ALPR audits, both internal and external, that you requested constitute information gathered or records created from the use of an automatic license plate reader. Because such information must be kept confidential under Section 2-130(d) of the Illinois Vehicle Code, and because that statute provides no exception allowing an individual to obtain ALPR information pursuant to FOIA, any records responsive to that portion of your request are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(d-7) of FOIA.

Regarding your request for network sharing information, Section 7(1)(v) of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(v)) exempts from disclosure vulnerability assessments, security measures, and other information that, if

disclosed, would jeopardize the safety of public facilities, information systems, or personnel. Accordingly, records responsive to that portion of your request are also exempt from disclosure.

All Champaign County bids, proposals, and agreements are publicly available at any time on the Champaign County Illinois website.

Finally, regarding the Policy Manual:

The policy manual is largely exempt under (7)(1)(v), as it contains details pertaining to the mobilization or deployment of personnel or equipment, to the operation of communication systems or protocols, to cybersecurity vulnerabilities, or to tactical operations, which are specifically considered by the FOIA statute.

(7)(1)(v) Vulnerability assessments, security measures, and response policies or plans that are designed to identify, prevent, or respond to potential attacks upon a community's population or systems, facilities, or installations, but only to the extent that disclosure could reasonably be expected to expose the vulnerability or jeopardize the effectiveness of the measures, policies, or plans, or the safety of the personnel who implement them or the public. Information exempt under this item may include such things as details pertaining to the mobilization or deployment of personnel or equipment, to the operation of communication systems or protocols, to cybersecurity vulnerabilities, or to tactical operations.

You have a right to have the denial of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Illinois Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, IL 62701
public.access@ilag.gov
PAC hotline: 877-299-3642

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC. You have the right to seek judicial review by filing a lawsuit in the State Circuit Court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,



Lt Curt Apperson
Champaign County Sheriff's Office
Freedom of Information Officer

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