

Subject: Re: [non-emergency] Information request
From: Samuel Grayson <sam@samgrayson.me>
Date: 6/11/26, 18:15
To: Joe Lamberson <joseph.lamberson@champaignil.gov>

Hello Officer Lamberson,

Regarding Q2, "What process would an external police officer or police department need to follow to gain access to Champaign PD Flock data?"

Policy 41.18.2.E states that external departments need to be approved, but Officer Kyle Hayden stated on March 25 in #PDFOIO-2026-1922 that no record of any such approvals exist. The FOIA response appears to indicate that the department is not following policy, hence why I am asking for clarification.

If you do not have a response by June 18, I will be forced to report, "FOIA Officer Kyle Hayden indicated the department does not retain records of approvals, required by 41.18.2.E. I reached out to Public Information Officer Joe Lamberson to clarify whether the department adheres to departmental policy, but Officer Lamberson declined to comment on the matter."

Sincerely,
Samuel Grayson

On 6/11/26 16:04, Joe Lamberson wrote:

Mr. Grayson,

All of the information requested is either publicly available or has been previously provided in responses to FOIA requests. If you would like these questions to be considered a FOIA request, please reply and I will forward it to our FOIA team for their response.

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From: Sam <sam@samgrayson.me>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 10:12 AM
To: police <police@champaignil.gov>
Subject: Re: [non-emergency] Information request

[EXTERNAL]

Hello,

I was wondering when I might receive a reply, so I can schedule the publication of my blog post.

Sincerely,

Sam

From: Samuel Grayson <sam@samgrayson.me>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 9:53:51 PM
To: police@champaignil.gov <police@champaignil.gov>
Subject: [non-emergency] Information request

Hello Champaign PD,

I am a resident, writing a blog post about how Flock AI cameras are used in Champaign-Urbana. I was hoping you could answer a few questions about how Flock AI cameras are used by Champaign PD.

1. How does your department review searches in Flock for legitimacy?
2. What process would an external police officer or police department need to follow to gain access to Champaign PD Flock data?
3. Has Champaign PD ever allowed out-of-state or federal law enforcement officers to access Champaign PD Flock data?
4. What events, if any, would lead you to revoke an external departments' access to Champaign PD Flock data?

5. Does your department limit use of Flock only to criminal charges in which a custodial arrest would be made?

6. Flock states that "All existing Flock LPRs will soon stream live video and capture clips with a free, optional software update. No new hardware, no permits, no extra cost." Has Champaign PD taken this free software upgrade? <https://www.flocksafety.com/blog/why-video-is-the-missing-link-in-your-lpr-program>

7. Can Flock AI search for bicyclists?

8. Can Flock AI search for pedestrians?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Samuel Grayson