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<p>TO: Commander Chad Bacon Public Integrity Unit</p>	<p>SUBJECT: Public Integrity Unit Flock Quarterly Audit 2022 3rd / 4th Quarter Audits</p>
<p>FROM: Lieutenant Jeff Jackson Public Integrity Unit</p>	

In accordance with General Order 2022-01; License Plate Readers, the Public Integrity Unit conducted an audit for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2022, from July 1st to December 31st. This audit was conducted independently of the Bureau of Investigations Intelligence Unit, which maintains and operates the License Plate Reader (FLOCK) system.

PIU conducted an audit of FLOCK searches as outlined in the General Order:

General Order 2022-01 License Plate Readers

IV. PROCEDURES

E. LPR Data Detection

2. PIU will audit a sampling of the LPR system utilization from the prior period to verify proper use in accordance with the authorized uses.

All searches audited were determined to have the required investigative search fields completed. During the audit some search “reason” fields were found to be deficient in supplying sufficient information to enable PIU to verify the searches. As it was the initial utilization of the program, these deficiencies were identified and addressed, resulting in “reason” fields that made it possible to verify the audits. PIU included in its audit:

- The presence of a case number
- The presence of a vehicle description
- If that description matched what was listed in the report
- The requesting officer’s name and employee number were included
- Follow up queries were listed if needed

2022 Jul-Sep PIU License Plate Reader Audit Log

No.	Incident #	Alert Date	Description Given	Description Match	Officer Name and Employee Number	Reviewed By	Date	Comment
1		7/21/2022		Yes	Sergeant Timothy Graul 41227	Jackson	03/24/23	Warrant, Arrested
2		7/21/2022			Sergeant Ricardo Delgado 53278	Jackson	03/24/23	Investigative Inquiry
3		7/29/2022		Yes	Sergeant Nicholas Whitcomb 46626	Jackson	03/24/23	Briefing slide vehicle
4		7/3/2022		Yes	Officer Bryton Turley 55085	Jackson	03/24/23	Stolen Vehicle
5		7/14/2022		Yes	Officer Zachary Flowers 55443	Jackson	03/24/23	Terroristic Threatening
6		8/19/2022			Detective Hunter Wilks 56238	Jackson	03/24/23	Homicide Investigation
7		8/8/2022		Yes	Officer Corey Harper 56664	Jackson	03/24/23	Stolen Vehicle (rec)
8		8/21/2022		Yes	Sergeant Phillip Johnson 52633	Jackson	03/24/23	Wanted Subject
9		8/11/2022		Yes	Sergeant Todd Phillips 42817	Jackson	03/24/23	Suspect Travel
10		8/20/2023		Yes	Sergeant Brian Voll 43556	Jackson	03/24/22	Wanton Endangerment
11		9/25/2022		Yes	Officer Corey Harper 56664	Jackson	03/24/23	Assault w/ Weapon
12		9/26/2022		Yes	Detective Hunter Wilks 56238	Jackson	03/24/23	Homicide Investigation
13		9/24/2022		Yes	Officer Kyle Blankenship 58544	Jackson	03/24/23	Auto Theft
14		9/8/2022		Yes	Officer Justin Muravchick 54228	Jackson	03/24/23	Wanted Person
15		9/8/2022		Yes	Sergeant Phillip Johnson 52633	Jackson	03/24/23	Missing Persons

2022 Oct-Dec PIU License Plate Reader Audit Log

No.	Incident #	Alert Date	Description Given	Description Match	Officer Name and Employee Number	Reviewed By	Date	Comment
1		10/17/2022		Yes	Officer Evan Northcutt 53675	Jackson	03/27/23	Missing Juvenile (rec)
2		10/9/2022		Yes	Sergeant Phillip Johnson 52633	Jackson	03/27/23	Robbery Homicide case
3		10/27/2022		Yes	Officer Austin Witt 58944	Jackson	03/27/23	Stolen During Robbery
4		10/7/2022		Yes	Detective Hunter Wilks 56238	Jackson	03/27/23	Robbery Homicide case
5		10/28/2022		Yes	Detective Nicholas Music 53674	Jackson	03/27/23	Assault 1st case
6		11/15/2022			Officer Timothy Carpenter	Jackson	03/27/23	Burglary Suspect
7		11/26/2022		Yes	Officer Evan Brown 58956	Jackson	03/27/23	Auto Theft
8		11/15/2022			Detective Miller Owens 54418	Jackson	03/27/23	Robbery Homicide Case
9		11/15/2022			Officer Kyle Williams 54564	Jackson	03/27/23	Robbery Homicide case
10		11/4/2022		Yes	Officer Corey Harper 56664	Jackson	03/27/23	Auto Theft
11		12/19/2022		Yes	Officer Nichole Owings 49204	Jackson	03/27/23	Vehicle Fled
12		12/11/2022		Yes	Officer Leann Lozier 55456	Jackson	03/27/23	Auto Theft (rec)
13		12/7/2022		Yes	Officer Austin Witt 58944	Jackson	03/27/23	Auto Theft (rec)
14		12/2/2022		Yes	Officer Kyle Roberts 55466	Jackson	03/27/23	Fraud Case
15		12/26/2022		Yes	Officer Nathan Kean 59451	Jackson	03/27/23	Vehicle Fled

Below are recommendations that the Intelligence Unit enacted to ensure data searches comply with the new recommendations.

1. All Officers will receive additional instruction through In-Service training and Training updates regarding the use of the LPR system and the requirements and importance of providing descriptive reasons for investigative data searches.
2. Section Lieutenants will be provided with information when search reason fields are determined to not meet requirement standards for additional supervisory review.
3. It is recommend that LPR policy be updated to provide additional clarity of the requirement that when available, an incident or case number should be used in addition to a detailed description in the search “reason” field. If an incident number or case number is not available, a detailed descriptive reason shall be provided.

Hot List Audit

One entry per month was randomly selected from the 3rd and 4th Quarters of 2022, and reviewed for the following criteria:

- Presence of a request form
- Presence of a case reference number
- The duration that the query was active on the list
- That a weekly check was completed by the Intel Unit

As this inaugural audit proceeded, policy additions were identified and implemented that would benefit transparency and clarification of the process. These included the need for a case reference number and request form, or “ticket”. Recommendations for policy amendments that the Intel Unit has already taken into consideration and implemented are as follows:

- The requirement to have a case reference number assigned to any FLOCK Hot List request, regardless of the situation.
- A request form must now be present for a Hot List request as well.

Please advise if further is needed.

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