

Malden Police Community Advisory Council

Community Questions & Answers

Topic: Flock Cameras

The following questions were received from the community at the February meeting (2/18/2026) and answered by the Malden Police Department live at that meeting, then were reviewed for accuracy and confirmed by the MPD.

Q1: Do other communities need to be given permission to access the data Malden Flock cameras are capturing?

The MPD only shares data by request to other neighboring communities and only within MA, no out of state data sharing.

Q2: Are Flock cameras only used in ongoing criminal investigations?

The MPD uses Flock cameras to aid in ongoing police investigations; not civil processes.

Q3: What control does MPD have about an outside agency accessing data/information from the Flock cameras?

No backdoor for other agencies to access, no collaboration with federal agencies. To utilize the Flock camera platform a user needs to have a specific login and access is monitored within the MPD.

Q4: Could anyone on the Flock network access or search data for any other Flock customers?

Customer chooses different levels of access to allow. MPD can deny requests from other departments.

Q5: MPD showing up on a network audit as sharing information with Boulder, CO — how does this work?

Early on in obtaining Flock cameras, sharing access was allowed between other states. Confirming at date of question that MPD no longer shares out of state, only within MA.

Q6: Could an Everett PD (for example) get into Malden's Flock data and share that information with ICE?

To access Malden's data/information collected from Flock, there needs to be parameters met — for example, case number, type of crime, and reason provided for request.

Q7: Could ICE get a plate from Malden PD and run it to find someone?

No sharing of data/information to federal agencies.

Q8: What is the purpose of Flock?

In order to expedite the resolution of an investigation, to simplify investigation capacity. Used in ongoing investigations and missing persons cases, for example.

Q9: Is Flock's data shared?

No sharing of data.

Q10: Does the MA State Police ever access MPD's Flock data/information?

Unsure if state police has their own access to Flock; they would be allowed access to Malden's data/information only if there is a direct involvement to an ongoing investigation.

Q11: Is everyone in the MPD trained on the Flock system/database?

Access is restrictive. Uniformed officers cannot perform searches; if there is a search requested it has to be approved by a supervisor.

Q12: How has the Flock system helped MPD?

It expedites and improves the process of investigations, it is helpful to ongoing public safety, and it helps bring crimes to a close quicker and hold those involved accountable.