

July 30, 2026

To: President Jeff Buerman

From: Chief Jeffrey Garrison

RE: Camera Systems

Mr President,

In response to your email of 7/29/26, here is the information on the camera systems that we utilize.

Downtown CCTV

The CCTV camera project was started by Chief Newton. I took the project over in June of 22 and saw it to completion.

This camera system covers the park, Main St, and the VOP hall/Police station. These are not Pan/Tilt/Zoom cameras. They are stationary and have no AI or facial recognition ability. The camera system was installed in late 2022 by Actron Systems. This system retains footage for 41 days. That is the lowest setting available.

Case Investigations

The cameras have aided the PD in identifying suspects in several incidents and captured footage of the suspect who was accosting children in the park during a Food Truck Friday event. The next month, the cameras provided evidence that the same suspect returned to the next FTF event contrary to court order.

The other incidents were as follows: (this is not an all inclusive list)

- A lost child was found with footage from the system.
- A perpetrator was seen damaging a vehicle and subsequently identified.
- A porch theft suspect and vehicle were identified and addressed

- Multiple accidents have been recorded and reports completed accurately
- A larceny suspect was identified after stealing multiple items from in front of the hardware store.
- These cameras aided in identifying a suspect in an elder fraud investigation.
- There was also video of an injury accident involving a juvenile

System access

Livingston Co Central Dispatch has a “user only” log in for this system so they can actually log in and see what we are dealing with live as it is happening, then dispatch appropriate public safety resources.

Locations

The CCTV system has multiple locations as follows:

Main St/Marion St

Main St/S Howell

Main St/S Mill St

S Mill between E Main & Livingston

E Livingston/S Howell

VOP front porch/lobby

Police station rear doors

Police station north side looking at W Livingston & S Howell

LPR cameras

The LPR cameras are from a company called Insight. They are not Flock cameras and have no AI or facial recognition ability. The cameras were purchased through grant funding from Livingston Co Emergency Management. The final agreements were reviewed by Mr Stoker’s office, and the system was put in place in early 2024. There was no cost to us for the equipment. We only pay for the subscription to the system and the sim cards for cellular transmission. They are completely wireless other than power.

Contrary to what is out on social media, these only look at the license plates of vehicles. They do not record people, drivers, passengers, etc... I think folks are equating this to the TV show, Person of Interest. That is not what these do in any way.

As you can see by the screen shot below, they only look at a license plate:



The plate is compared to a national database of wanted vehicles and if there is no match, I have our system configured to delete the information in 15 days. This was the lowest setting, and my reasoning is that we will know of a wanted vehicle within that time. After that, the image/record is deleted forever. In the shot, you will note the time, date and the camera that took the photo. In this instance, it was a Hamburg Township camera.

System Access

We share data with the other Livingston Co jurisdictions. They can look at our info and we can see theirs. I do not control how long anyone else retains data. We maintain admin permissions to our system. Others can only view the data while it is available.

Case Investigations

The police department has utilized this data for several theft reports, including the porch theft from the front of the police station. We have been able to identify drive-offs from the gas stations and suspect vehicles in possible child abuse reports from the downtown area. Used in conjunction with the CCTV cameras, the LPR's assisted in identifying the suspects in an elder fraud incident.

Locations

The only two cameras that we have are at Main St and Mill St, and Main and Marion. They face opposite directions and only "look" at the rear of the vehicles.

Camera Administration

Currently, members of the PD can search the CCTV system related to footage captured. Only Sgt Trenkle, Inv Hamlin, and I are the administrators.

The LPR system is more restrictive and basic license plate searches are available to the PD. Sgt Trenkle, Inv Hamlin, and I are the system administrators but that really doesn't give any further permissions, only the ability to modify some back-end settings.

System Authorization

All camera systems were authorized by the sitting presidents at the time.

System Costs

Avigilon CCTV: There are no monthly/annual charges for this system as it came with its own memory.

Insight LPR: Data hosting \$600 annually (with percentage increases)

Sim Cards: \$87.32 per month/1047.84 annually (AT&T cellular)

Monitoring

Both systems can be viewed live as shown in the front office. We do not actively monitor the systems. We only review video footage when an incident occurs.

Policy

The camera systems are covered under the same restrictions as the body camera/in-car camera systems. There are also disclaimers for each system that they have to be used in accordance with current law and abuses of the systems will void the contracts and cause us to lose access.



Outlook

Re: Scheduling, Building Access Code, and Camera System Information

From Jeffrey Buerman <president@villageofpinckney.org>

Date Thu 7/30/2026 1:28 PM

To Jeffrey Garrison <jgarrison@villageofpinckney.org>; Mike Trenkle <2903@villageofpinckney.org>

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Jeff, thank you!

Jeff Buerman

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Mr President,

I have no further documentation on the approval of the cameras. The subscription fee is paid out of line 101.301.824 and the phone lines are paid out of 101.301.853.

Mr Stoker's office checked the language on the contract and approved same.

Jeffrey Garrison #2901

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From: Jeffrey Buerman <president@villageofpinckney.org>

Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2026 11:34

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Jeff,

Thank you for sending this information over.

Regarding the LPR camera system, who authorized or approved its installation? I reviewed the 2024 meeting minutes but did not find any reference to its approval. Which budget line is used to pay for the system? Please also provide any resolution or Council action approving the system and its recurring annual cost.

In addition, please provide any information, opinions, or documentation previously received from Mr. Stoker's office regarding the LPR camera system.

Since these cameras appear to be the focus of the current concern, I would like to have a clear understanding of their history, approval process, funding, and legal compliance.

As a reminder, the Police Department's approved budget is \$500,000. I currently have two bills that cannot be paid without Council approval to amend or increase the department's budget. With Officer Kramer, the department's projected payroll alone was approximately \$590,000. Please keep the approved budget limit in mind when making scheduling and spending decisions.

This is simply a reminder so we can remain within the budget approved by the Council.

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Mr President,

Thank you for the clarification on the scheduling. This is why I asked repeatedly about the 16/8 requirement from the council. We maintained full coverage before Ofc Kramer was hired and while he was in training. That will resume on Aug 16th as it is the next available pay period.

Please see the attached document regarding the camera systems that we utilize. I did not cover the body cameras or in-car but will do so if you wish that information as well.

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From: Jeffrey Buerman <president@villageofpinckney.org>

Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 13:04

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Good afternoon, Chief Garrison,

I want to clarify a misunderstanding regarding police scheduling. The Police Department's approved budget is \$500,000, and the department's staffing schedule must operate within that amount. Neither I nor the Village Council directed the department to eliminate 24/7 coverage. My understanding of the Council's direction is that you are responsible for developing a schedule that provides the best possible coverage while remaining within the approved budget.

Please also have the access code for the rear door changed and provide the new code to the appropriate authorized personnel.

In addition, please provide me with a written overview of the Village's camera system addressing the following:

1. The history and original purpose of the camera system, including when and why the cameras were installed.
2. Whether there are any subscription, licensing, maintenance, storage, or other recurring costs.
3. The results or successes the Police Department has had using the cameras.
4. Who has access to and monitors the cameras and recorded footage.
5. Who authorized or approved the installation of the cameras, including the date and form of approval, if available.
6. The applicable policies for accessing, retaining, sharing, and deleting recorded footage.

Please provide this information as soon as possible. If any requested information or supporting records are unavailable, please identify that in your response.

Thank you,

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Re: Flock cameras

From Jeffrey Buerman <president@villageofpinckney.org>
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Tyler,

Thank you for reaching out. I understand your concerns about privacy, data security, and government surveillance.

The Village's two license plate readers are Insight cameras, not Flock cameras, and have been operating since early 2024. According to the Police Department, they photograph rear license plates only, do not use facial recognition, and the Village's information is deleted after 15 days.

However, questions remain regarding authorization, data security, storage, access, and sharing. I have requested additional information and a legal review.

I will place this matter on the Village Council agenda for Monday, August 10, so it can be discussed publicly. Your concerns and request to remove the cameras will be included in that discussion.

Thank you for bringing this forward.

Take care,

Jeff Buerman
Village President

From: Tyler Keilman <tkeilman@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 2, 2026 9:31 PM
To: Jeffrey Buerman <president@villageofpinckney.org>
Subject: Flock cameras

Why are flock cameras popping up in our area? Everyone is complaining about them and I agree, why would anyone want to be tracked by a.i.? Giving up our little bit of privacy for "safety" is bullshit. How secure are these? Where is our information actually going? How Archie are these? I've seen people hacking these and reports of information being sold to companies for various reasons. The greatest thing about America and this area in particular is the freedom and all this does is take away from that. How long before this information is used against us? Remove these unnecessary cameras.

