



## INFORMATION RELEASE

October 20, 2021

A Message from Chief Arata to Our Community:

As you may be aware, the Flock Safety Camera System was presented (June 23) to and approved (July 14) by the Crime Control Prevention District (CCPD) board as well as by Town Council in open session during the July 27, 2021 meeting.

First, I want to thank our Town's leadership who continue to support our efforts in keeping Trophy Club safe. I've been the Chief of Police in Trophy Club for 7 years now and I take great pride in serving our community. I cannot convey enough how much it means having strong leaders who stand behind the police department and its officers in the turbulent world we live in now.

I also want to thank our citizens! Those who reached out and expressed their opinions and concerns regarding the Flock Safety Camera System deserve special thanks as well. We appreciate and invite ALL feedback, whether it be positive or negative, and encourage a strong dialogue with the community we serve.

There has been some consternations and concerns regarding the timing of this implementation and/or feeling that there was a deliberate lack of public awareness related to this system. Let me assure you: we always strive to be transparent in our processes and will continue to do so as we enforce the core values of our organization while protecting the freedom and privacy of our residents.

- I also understand that our citizens may fear for their loss of privacy with the Flock Safety Camera System. I would like to address this and clarify a few other pieces of misinformation that is being perpetuated online through various social media outlets.
- The Flock Safety Cameras will be on the INBOUND lanes only, NOT the outbound lanes.
- The System will alert on-duty officers if a reported stolen car passes the camera.
- The Flock Safety Camera System is a PASSIVE system, meaning, it is only accessed as needed, it is NOT a surveillance system. (Again, this is only used when needed.)
- The Flock Safety Camera System data is stored in a Flock offsite CONTROLLED Trophy Club file. The data will NOT be sold and will only be shared with other police departments as needed. All inquiries into the system require credentials and justification.
- The Data is deleted after 30 days.
- The Flock Safety Camera System is justified through crime reporting data from the last two years.

2021: 23 reported vehicle burglaries

2020: 42 reported vehicle burglaries



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	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>BMVs - Total</b>	23	43	17	35	38	35
<b>Dog Park</b>	0	0	0	6	7	4
<b>TCCC/TCTC</b>	0	1	0	1	5	3
<b>Pool/Indy Park</b>	3	0	1	2	3	0
<b>BNHS</b>	0	0	0	5	0	0

As your Chief, I want all of our citizens to feel safe, as they should, within this community. I'm committed to accomplishing this through new and innovative programs such as the Flock Safety Camera System, as well as with the addition of others that can offer equal potential benefits in the future. I can assure you that this program is meant to benefit our citizens and not to harm their freedoms.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Trophy Club.

- Chief Patrick Arata