
Fwd: [EXTERNAL] URGENT: License Plate Surveillance Data Sharing Exposes Sensitive Personal Data to Police in Thousands of Jurisdictions Nationwide

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Chief and ADC,

I have updated some of the settings in our Flock account.

- Nationwide data lookup has been turned off
- Immigration- Searches connected to immigration are filtered out (regardless of agency doing search)
- Incoming requests to share data are now limited to in-state agencies or agencies within a 50 mile radius
- All out-of-state sharing has been turned off, with the current intention of updating sharing within 50 miles, e.g. areas of Rhode Island

Other checks were conducted within our Flock account.

- Shield Law- Continues to filter out Reproductive Care searches (regardless of agency doing search)
- Cybersecurity- Agency accounts were reviewed and all are authorized
- 'Search Reason' is a required field by agency users

Justin