STATEMENT CONCERNING FLOCK PUBLIC RECORDS RELEASE

The City of Dayton has received public records requests for logs from the City's FLOCK Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) system. Although ALPR data is arguably exempt from disclosure under Ohio law, the City is releasing the specific log entries referenced during the Dayton Police Department's May press conference. At that press conference, the Police Department reported that approximately 7,100 outside inquiries potentially related to immigration enforcement had been routed to Dayton's fixed-site ALPR system. To identify those entries, specific search terms were used, and both the terms and the related system log entries are being released. Redactions were made for PII (Personal Identifying Information) and CLEIRs (confidential law enforcement investigatory records) pursuant to Ohio Public Records Law.

It is important to clarify that access requests received from outside agencies did not necessarily return any information from Dayton's system. Because restrictions had not been properly implemented, any nationwide license plate search conducted by an outside agency was routed to Dayton's ALPR system, even if the license plate had never been captured by a Dayton ALPR camera. For example, searches originating from states such as Georgia, Texas, or Florida were unlikely to involve any vehicle connected to Dayton, Ohio.

While these searches do not appear to have been directed at Dayton specifically, we cannot currently determine whether any of these requests resulted in returned information or whether any follow-up action was taken by outside agencies based on ALPR data associated with Dayton.

In addition to the statutory exemption for ALPR data, Ohio Public Records Law requires the removal of all Personal Identifying Information (PII) and confidential law-enforcement investigatory records (CLEIRs) prior to release. Fully reviewing and redacting all ALPR log entries would require an extensive amount of police staff time. For this reason, the City is releasing only the entries potentially related to immigration-related searches at this time.