



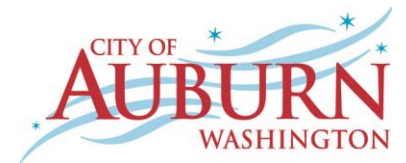
ALPR Cameras, Flock, and the Driver Privacy Act

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Meet the Panel

- Candice Bock, Association of Washington Cities
- Amy Iverson, Olympia Police Department
- Jennifer Bilow, Arlington Police Department
- Rebecca Wood, City of Auburn Clerks Office





So, what the Flock is happening?

Disclaimer: The views and experiences shared by today's panelists are their own and do not necessarily reflect the official positions, policies, or practices of their respective agencies or organizations. Panel members are speaking from personal and professional experience only. This discussion is intended to **spark dialogue, encourage questions, and support informed conversations** around ALPR use and public records considerations.



Session Details

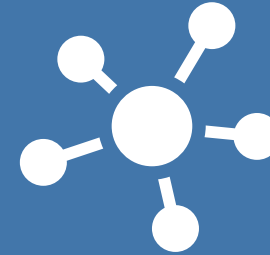


Breaking Down New Legislation (ESSB6002)

Requirements for registration and policy adoption. Changes to disclosure and records management.

Sharing Lessons Learned from PROs

Candid discussions about community interest, working with legal counsel, and managing large requests.



Types of Records

Understanding different types of ALPR camera system records and other types of community surveillance.

Considering PRA Exemptions

Navigating active investigations, victim privacy, and third-party notifications.





Driver Privacy Act ESSB6002

Creating the legislation SB 6002

Presented by: Candice Bock – Association of Washington Cities

What does the bill do?

- Restricts how ALPR systems may be used and deployed
- Limits how the data collected may be shared
- Provides exemptions on disclosure of ALPR data under the PRA
- Creates new timeframes for disposition of ALPR data depending on how it is used
- Creates an annual reporting requirement
- Creates an "audit trail" requirement that must be maintained for two years
- ALPR systems must be registered with the AG and directs the AG to adopt model policies by Dec. 2027
- Doesn't impact other automated camera systems (i.e. toll cameras, traffic enforcement cameras)

How did we get here?

- Public records requests/lawsuits
- Reports that ALPR data was being accessed by federal agencies for immigration enforcement
- General public privacy concerns
- Very effective law enforcement tool for solving crimes and locating missing persons

More information on implementing SB 6002

- MRSC articles [Closing the Blinds: New Public Records Act Exemption Limits Disclosure of ALPR Data](#) & [What to know about the new restrictions on Flock and similar camera systems](#)
- AWC article ["Automated license plate reader bill passes, takes effect immediately"](#)



Lessons Learned

Flock and ALPR Public Records Request Concerns

Lesson Learned

Presented by: Jennifer Bilow – Arlington Police Department

Managing Complex and Large Requests

- Establishing a protocol to preserve records
 - All Kodex must be preserved if the requester is a bonafide researcher
- Utilizing installments, fee schedules and deposits
- Claiming records, closing an abandoned request after 30 days of inactivity (WAC 44-14-040(8)(b))
- Reach out to local partner agencies

Community Engagement

- Discussing the impact of public interest, protests, and controversy.
- Private retail stores and business may still have ALPR systems active

In the Courts

- [Rodriguez v. City of Lakewood](#) (Pierce County Superior Court)
- [City of Sedro Woolley, et al v. Rodriguez](#) (on appeal)

Engaging Agency Legal Counsel

- When to seek legal advice and being mindful of different attorney opinions from other agencies.



Types of ALPR System Records

System Records – More than Video

Presented by: Rebecca Wood – City of Auburn

Organizational and Network Audits

- Organizational audit captures your agency employees utilizing the system to search ALPR data.
- Network audits capture other outside agencies that access the system to search ALPR data.
- Driver Privacy Act will require additional audits to report compliance for record disposition and user access.
- Audit logs are subject to disclosure, with some exemptions.

ALPR Data Retention

- Retention for ALPR data not utilized by the agency is 21 days
- Retention for ALPR data will vary based on application (e.g., warrants, traffic studies, law enforcement, parking enforcement, etc.)
- Audit logs must be retained for two years.

Vehicle Mounted ALPR Cameras

- Driver Privacy Act limits cameras filming certain areas: elementary and secondary education, healthcare clinics, food banks, etc.
- Fleet mounted cameras may have ALPR capabilities that can be toggled on or off.

Other Community Surveillance

- UAS drone cameras (ALPR or non-ALPR)
- Toll and speed cameras (ALPR)
- Smart sensor traffic cameras (non-ALPR)
- Verkada security cameras (ALPR)

Policy Requirement

- Policy must be adopted by each agency within 180 days of bill passing.



PRA Exemptions

Considering PRA Exemptions

Presented by: Amy Iverson – Olympia Police Department

Active Investigations – RCW 42.56.240(1)

- ALPR data (images and video) may be tied to active or closed cases.
- Before using an active investigation exemption, make sure the case is not referred to prosecutor.

Third Party Notifications

- Some ALPR contract language may mandate agencies give third party notification to the manufacturer.

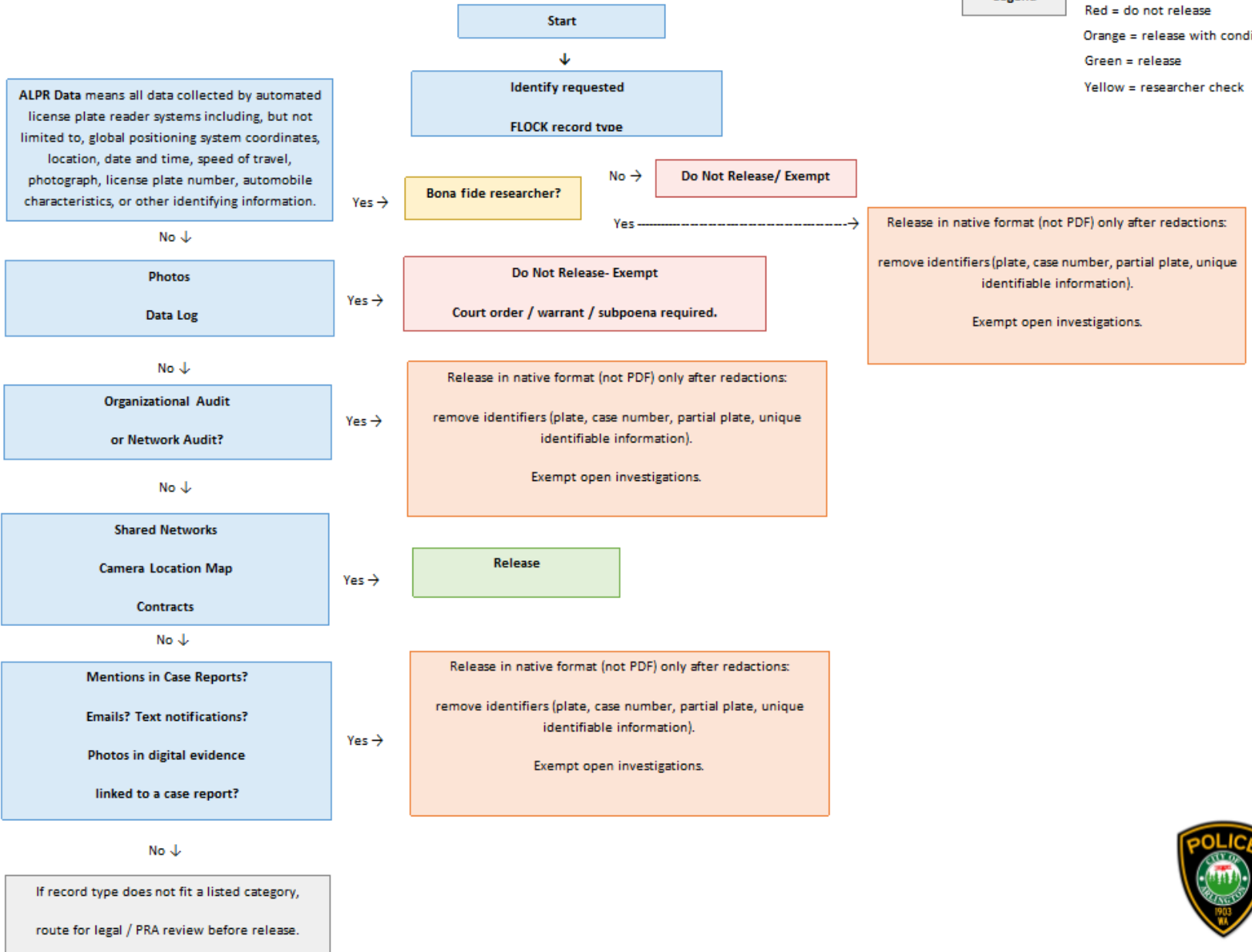
Victim Privacy – RCW 42.56.240(2)

- For general data requests, this is an area of concern, but difficult to apply – it is context dependent.
- Images of victims in certain domestic violence, sexual assault, kidnapping cases if the data is tied to a specific case.

Driver Privacy Act – ESSB 6002.SL

- Creates a statute exempting ALPR data (images and video).
- Determine if your agency will treat this as a categorical exemption or produce a log, seek legal advice
- Toll camera data model, traffic safety speed cameras.

FLOCK Records after SB6002 — Editable Flowchart



Flock Record Flowchart

Editable sample flowchart





Live Q&A

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