

# DeFlock Huntsville

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## CAMPAIGN FACT SHEET

DeFlock Huntsville is a grassroots campaign of residents working to end mass surveillance through Flock Safety's automated license plate reader (ALPR) network in our community.

### What is Flock Safety?

Flock Safety is a private surveillance company that deploys networks of cameras to photograph every vehicle that passes. These cameras capture license plates, vehicle characteristics, and even bumper stickers. The data is stored for 30 days and shared across thousands of law enforcement agencies nationwide.

### The Scale of Surveillance

**20 Billion+**

Vehicle scans  
per month nationwide

**83,000+**

Cameras searchable  
in a single query

**5,000+**

Communities using  
Flock in 49 states

**70x**

Times your car is  
scanned monthly

### Why We're Concerned

- **Mass Surveillance Without Consent:** Every vehicle is tracked regardless of any suspected wrongdoing, creating detailed records of where residents travel.
- **No Warrant Required:** Police can search this data without a warrant, unlike cell phone location data which requires court approval.
- **Nationwide Data Sharing:** Huntsville's data is shared across Flock's entire network, allowing agencies anywhere to track our residents.
- **Documented Abuse:** Investigations have revealed Flock data used to track abortion seekers, surveil protesters, and monitor political activity.
- **Security Vulnerabilities:** Researchers discovered Flock cameras streaming live video publicly on the internet.
- **No Democratic Oversight:** These systems are often deployed with minimal public input or ongoing accountability.

## Recent Flock Safety Controversies

- **Texas Abortion Tracking (Oct 2025):** A Texas sheriff's deputy searched 83,000+ Flock cameras nationwide with the search reason "had an abortion, search for female."
- **Protest Surveillance (Nov 2025):** EFF investigation found more than 50 law enforcement agencies used Flock to track protesters, often with "protest" as the only search justification.
- **Security Breach (Dec 2025):** Researchers discovered dozens of Flock cameras were publicly accessible on the internet, streaming live video.
- **Oregon Terminations (Dec 2025):** Eugene and Springfield, Oregon terminated their Flock contracts citing security concerns and community opposition.

## What We're Asking For

- Huntsville City Council to terminate the agreement allowing police access to Flock Safety cameras
- A moratorium on any new surveillance technology deployments until proper oversight is established
- Public hearings on surveillance technology with meaningful community input
- Transparency about what data is collected, how it's used, and who has access

## How You Can Help

- **Sign the Petition:** Add your name at [deflockhuntsville.com](https://deflockhuntsville.com)
- **Contact City Council:** Email [HsvCityCouncil@HuntsvilleAL.gov](mailto:HsvCityCouncil@HuntsvilleAL.gov) or call 256-427-5011
- **Attend Meetings:** City Council meets 2nd and 4th Thursday, 5:30 PM
- **Spread the Word:** Share this fact sheet with neighbors and friends
- **Map Cameras:** Help document surveillance at [DeFlock.me](https://DeFlock.me)

## Learn More

- **DeFlock Huntsville:** [deflockhuntsville.com](https://deflockhuntsville.com)
- **DeFlock Camera Map:** [deflock.me](https://deflock.me)
- **EFF on Flock:** [eff.org/deeplinks/tag/flock](https://eff.org/deeplinks/tag/flock)
- **Institute for Justice ALPR Case:** [ij.org/case/norfolk-alpr](https://ij.org/case/norfolk-alpr)

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