



# North Houston District

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Ten Newly Installed License Plate Cameras Already Solving Crime**

***North Houston District Department of Public Safety Partners with HCSO and HPD***

#### **PHOTO CAPTIONS**

Flock Safety Laptop Search

A new layer of crime-fighting technology is already solving crimes in the North Houston District. Ten automated license plate recognition cameras are helping local law enforcement investigate leads in the District, across the Greater Houston Area, and nationwide.

Flock from Greens Skyline

The North Houston District is home to 20 million square feet of office, retail and industrial properties and more than 65 apartment communities. Public Safety is a priority for the District, and this crime prevention tactic will help keep people who work and live here safe.

Flock in NHD, Flock Locations

Cameras are strategically placed around the District. The locations considered factors like traffic counts, but more so, were chosen based on recommendations from local law enforcement.

Flock Family Walking

Automated license plate recognition software is gaining popularity nationwide as law enforcement agencies find new ways to collaborate across jurisdictional boundaries to keep families safe.

**November 10, 2022 (HOUSTON, TEXAS)** The North Houston District commissioned the installation of 10 automated license plate reading (ALPR) cameras in strategic areas within the North Houston District's boundaries to solve and reduce crime. The cameras were built by Flock Safety, a public safety technology company that helps neighborhoods, communities, and law enforcement work together to fight crime. The cameras use enhanced technology to capture individual license plates and vehicle description details upon passing by the camera system.

Tracy Harrison, North Houston District's Vice President of Public Safety, spearheaded the

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project in the North Houston District, oversees the installation, and will manage the implementation of this new crime prevention tool in partnership with Harris County Sheriff's Office and Houston Police Department. According to Harrison, nine of the 10 planned cameras are installed and are already being utilized by our local task force and patrol officers.

"The cameras solved a burglary case on the first day they went up," said Harrison. "Our cameras will be used by local law enforcement agencies adding a new layer of crime prevention in the North Houston District."

Flock Safety cameras are used in more than 2,000 cities across 40 states. In August of 2022, the City of Houston approved installation of 300 additional Flock Safety cameras, and the crime prevention network is quickly expanding.

Flock Safety ALPR cameras help law enforcement investigate crime by providing objective evidence, including license plates and vehicle characteristics. The cameras send real-time alerts when a stolen car or wanted suspect from state and national crime database enters the jurisdiction and if a license plate is associated with kidnapping, homicide, robbery or other serious crimes. Flock Safety also alerts if a vehicle associated with a missing person or AMBER or Silver Alert is detected.

The cameras will be used to solve and reduce property and violent crime and are not intended for minor traffic or parking violations. Only peace officers and public safety personnel will have access to the North Houston District data. Please follow @NHDistrict on social media for updates.

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### **About the North Houston District**

Created in 1991 by the Texas Legislature, the North Houston District is a business improvement district that leverages public and private partnerships to provide enhanced services in transportation mobility, public safety, beautification and recreational development, marketing and strategic planning and development. Minutes from Bush IAH, the District's 12-square-mile service area stands at the intersection of I45 North and Beltway 8 and has 20 million square feet of office, retail and industrial properties. The District area includes more than 3,800 businesses, 68,000 employees and 118,500 residents. For more information, visit [www.northhouston.org](http://www.northhouston.org).

### **About Flock Safety**

Flock Safety is a public safety operating system that helps communities and law enforcement in thousands of cities work together to eliminate crime, protect privacy, and mitigate bias. We build devices that capture objective evidence and use machine learning to detect and deliver unbiased investigative leads to law enforcement. Flock Safety communities have reported crime reductions of up to 70 percent.