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Director Mike Sena
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Subject: Updated LPR Data Access and Sharing Policy

During April and May 2026, two WSIN Watch Center analysts conducted nine Flock License Plate Reader (LPR) inquiries that returned responsive results from San Francisco devices. These searches were performed on behalf of federal and out-of-state agencies in support of investigations involving serious crimes, including homicide, human trafficking, and child sexual abuse. The Flock LPR search results were subsequently provided to the requesting officers through an encrypted file-sharing system. At the time the searches were conducted, the two WSIN analysts were unaware that sharing California LPR data with federal and out-of-state agencies is prohibited.

The Western States Information Network (WSIN) is committed to ensuring that all access to and use of LPR data obtained through the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center (NCRIC) complies with applicable California law, including the provisions of SB 34. WSIN recognizes the importance of adhering to the same standards governing the access, use, and dissemination of LPR information through NCRIC's account access.

Accordingly, WSIN has implemented updated internal policies and procedures prohibiting the sharing or dissemination of LPR data with federal agencies or out-of-state law enforcement agencies except where expressly authorized by applicable law and NCRIC policy. WSIN personnel have been advised of these requirements, and compliance measures have been implemented to ensure adherence going forward.

WSIN values its partnership with NCRIC and remains committed to maintaining appropriate safeguards, accountability, and compliance concerning LPR data access and use.

Please contact us if additional information or documentation is needed regarding these policy updates.

Sincerely,

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