



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair: Brandon Toole, First District
Co-Chair: Kevin Caneco, Twelfth District

February 10, 2026
4:00 PM

VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING** &
LOUIS L. REDDING CITY/COUNTY BUILDING
1ST FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 N. FRENCH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801

MINUTES

A. Meeting Call to Order

The Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 04:00 PM by Mr. Caneco.

Members present: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon (virtual), George Smiley, Jea Street (virtual), David Tackett (virtual), Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

Members absent: none

B. Approval of Minutes - January 13, 2026

-A motion was made by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Cartier, to approve the minutes from January 13, 2026 Public Safety Committee meeting. The minutes were approved by voice vote at 4:01 PM.

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

none

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°26-008: (TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE 2/24/2026 COUNCIL MEETING) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$40,994.64 IN EMERGENCY ILLEGAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT (EIDE) FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE EIDE FY2026 GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

E. Presentations

Discussion of Flock Cameras by Colonel James Leonard, NCCPD
Discussion among Council Members, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Street, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Toole, NCCPD Police Lt. Cumberbatch, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Caneco.

F. Other

- Mr. Street discussed several calls he had received about ICE activity downstate.
- Mr. Caneco discussed New Castle County CPA applications are now open to the public until February 27, 2026, with opening ceremonies beginning March 19, 2026.
- NCCPD Police Chief Leonard thanked New Castle County Council for Resolution NO. 26-027: Honoring the Life of Detective Christopher Skrobot.

G. Public Comment

none

H. Adjournment

- A motion was made by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Cartier, to adjourn the **Public Safety Committee Meeting**. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 04:55 PM.



FLOCK SAFETY

License Plate Reader



Flock Cameras

An ALPR camera, or Automated License Plate Recognition camera, is a camera designed to capture images of vehicles and read license plates as they pass by in public areas

The system **does not identify people**. It does not use facial recognition and does not know who is driving the vehicle. It simply captures vehicle information such as the license plate number, vehicle color, make, and location at a specific time





New Castle County Police has been responsibly utilizing ALPR technology for over 16 years.

Investigations

- Homicide
- Stolen vehicles
- Carjackings
- Felony investigations
- AMBER and Silver Alerts
- Hit-and-run investigations
- Violent crime investigations
- Fugitive and wanted-person vehicle identification
- Vehicle-related crimes
- Missing persons and endangered persons
- Robbery and burglary investigations

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LOCAL

License plate cameras let cops zero in on potential lawbreakers

Adam Zewe

Updated Oct. 21, 2010, 9:11 p.m. ET



Cameras mounted on the front and side of this cruiser's light bar scan license plates. *The Community News*



- Before anyone can see a license plate in Flock, they must enter an investigative purpose, select a reason, and limit the search by time and location. Every action is logged and auditable. These safeguards ensure the system is used for legitimate law enforcement purposes only
- The key takeaway is that Flock is not a free-search system. You must justify, document, and limit your search before a single license plate is ever displayed
- The system does not generate random alerts. Alerts occur only when a vehicle matches a law enforcement hotlist, and those alerts are independently verified by officers before any action is taken
- System audits are conducted monthly, and the safety, security, and appropriate use of the system are taken very seriously

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Search Lookup

Investigative Purpose

Offense Type *
Enter offense type

Case Number
Enter case number

* Required Field

Reason *
Enter search reason (required)

* Required Field

Vehicle Details

License Plate
Enter license plate

Plate State
Any

☐ Include Partial Plate ☐ Nationwide ☐ Statewide (DE)

Vehicle Fingerprint
Enter body, make, color, etc

Location & Time

Location
My Network(s) Selected

Map & Devices

Start
02/09/2026 07:30 AM

End
02/09/2026 09:30 AM

Last 15 Min Last 2 Hours Last 24 Hours Last 48 Hours Last 30 Days



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