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A Personal Commitment to Transparency and Responsible Policing

When I was appointed as the Sullivan's Island Chief of Police in February 2024, I took an oath to serve this community ethically and with profound integrity. Those words were more than part of a ceremony; they became a personal commitment that guides every decision I make and every expectation I have for our department.

That commitment extends beyond the way we treat people. It also applies to the technology we use to protect our community. My philosophy has always been simple: if we ask our community to trust us, we have a responsibility to be open about the tools we use, the policies that govern them, and the safeguards in place to ensure they are used appropriately.

One of those tools is our Flock Safety License Plate Reader (LPR) system.

License plate reader technology helps officers identify stolen vehicles, locate missing or endangered persons that drive onto the island, assist with AMBER and Silver Alerts, and develop investigative leads in criminal cases. It is an investigative tool, not a replacement for good police work, and it captures information about vehicles, not the identities of drivers or passengers. Just as importantly, it is used only for legitimate law enforcement purposes in accordance with department policy and applicable law.

I also want our residents to know that license plate reader technology is not something new to the Sullivan's Island Police Department. Before adopting the Flock Safety platform, our department utilized license plate reader technology through the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) as part of statewide public safety efforts. Our transition to Flock is not about introducing a new form of policing; it is about upgrading to a platform that provides similar investigative capabilities while significantly improving transparency, accountability, and administrative oversight.

One of the things I appreciate most about the Flock platform is that accountability is built into the system itself. Every search requires a documented law enforcement purpose, every search is permanently logged, and every search can be reviewed. There is no anonymous use of the system and no ability to conduct undocumented searches.

Within our department, we have taken those safeguards a step further. Every month, we conduct a comprehensive internal audit of all system activity. Those audits are personally reviewed by both me and our Deputy Chief of Police to ensure every search complies with department policy, serves a legitimate law enforcement purpose, and meets the high ethical standards our community expects. If we expect our officers to be accountable, we must hold ourselves accountable as leaders as well.

Transparency should never be something the public has to ask for; it should be something we willingly provide. That is why I directed the creation of a Flock Safety Transparency Portal, which is available on the Town of Sullivan's Island website.

The Transparency Portal allows anyone to review our department's license plate reader usage and see the safeguards and accountability measures that govern its use. I want our residents to have confidence that there are clear rules, meaningful oversight, and multiple layers of accountability behind this technology.

Across the country, more and more law enforcement agencies are embracing transparency as an essential part of modern policing. While many agencies use automated license plate reader technology, not all voluntarily provide the level of public access and oversight information that Sullivan's Island now makes available. I believe our community deserves that openness because trust is earned through transparency, not simply requested.

Technology will never replace professionalism, sound judgment, or the relationships our officers build with the people they serve every day. It is simply another tool that helps us solve crimes more effectively, recover stolen vehicles, locate missing persons more quickly, and improve public safety. Like every tool we use, it must be governed by clear policies, ethical leadership, and meaningful oversight.

As your Chief of Police, I want you to know that our department will continue to use technology responsibly, lawfully, and ethically. We will continue to be transparent about our practices, accountable for our actions, and committed to protecting both the safety and the privacy of the people we serve.

I encourage you to visit the Town's Flock Safety Transparency Portal to learn more about how this technology is used. My hope is that by sharing this information openly, you will see not only the value of the technology, but also the commitment our department has made to using it in a manner worthy of your trust.

Thank you for allowing the men and women of the Sullivan's Island Police Department the privilege of serving this remarkable community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Glenn Meadows", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Glenn Meadows, Chief of Police