

# MARINE CREEK MEADOWS

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## **Flock Safety Security System Information for MCM**

There is a new public safety operating system that the HOA board has recently been made aware of and are considering implementing into our neighborhood for additional security, Flock Safety. As we look into this option, we wanted to provide information for you to review. Please check out their website for an overview of their system. <https://www.flocksafety.com/>

Please also see below references on how this security system has helped to improve other neighborhoods in the DFW area. This will be a topic which we will be discussing during our board meeting on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

- Here is a recent case study for the Fort Worth area:  
<https://dfw.cbslocal.com/2021/03/12/fort-worth-police-seeing-success-new-high-tech-camera-system/>
- Reference from Trevor David, Riverside Place HOA President: *"It's so good to hear that another community is looking to go with Flock Safety to improve security and safety within the community! I'll start off by saying (though this is sad I have to – yes, someone has asked me before) that Flock Safety is in no way compensating me for sharing my story. I truly believe in their mission and product line and have had such a great experience with them for our community that I have offered to share my experience purely in my own words and opinions. This system has by far reduced "incidents" in our neighborhood in the year or so that we have had the cameras installed. Prior to installation, we had 4 back-to-back incidents where individuals were entering the neighborhood in the middle of the night and checking for unlocked cars parked outside. If a car was unlocked, these individuals would strip the car completely clean. In one incident, a neighbor had a firearm stolen from his vehicle. Due to these incidents, our neighborhood knew that we had to do something, so we started researching possibilities, and Flock Safety was the front-runner by a mile. Every other*

system we looked at required power, internet, and some even required permits to install with the HOA handling all the paperwork and logistics. Flock Safety however, is a completely self-contained unit that does not require power, internet, or any logistics from the HOA.... they were also less expensive than any “competitor”. Since having the cameras installed, we have not had any other incidents with individuals checking for unlocked cars while the surrounding neighborhoods have posted on platforms like Nextdoor that these incidents continue to happen to them on a frequent basis. A big deterrent is honestly the 3-foot sign that Flock Safety places on the camera poles that say in red and white “Notice 24/7 Video Recording”. With the cameras in place, we have seen a great reduction in incidents occurring and have also created an actual HOA policy regarding the cameras. This policy is completed by a neighbor, sent to the HOA, and then the HOA sends footage directly back to the neighbor keeping the HOA out of being the “middle man” with the police. I’ve attached a sample version of the policy that you can feel free to use within your neighborhood. Other than having people deterred from trying anything in the neighborhood, the Flock Safety cameras have actually solved the 2 incidents that have occurred since installation. Outside of the two incidents below, there was unfortunately one incident where an individual entered the neighborhood at night and obscured/removed the license plate to their vehicle and unfortunately the Flock Cameras were not able to obtain any identifying information, and one incident where police apprehended the individual in the act where the cameras were not needed (we did provide the footage just for supporting time-stamped documentation in the case for the police). **Stranger Giving Open Candy to Children** - A vehicle entered the neighborhood on one street, drove to the other street where children were playing outside. The individual backed up, opened the vehicle door and handed out chocolates to the children. The children ran and told their parents who called the police to report the situation and myself to obtain the footage. The HOA handed the footage over to the police (prior to our policy in place for the cameras) who then worked to apprehend the individual. We do not know the entire outcome as it was a sensitive situation, but the police did say they know the individual and the situation was handled. **Stolen Porch Item** - A neighbor was attempting to sell an item via Facebook Marketplace by doing the “no contact” selling during COVID. They left the item on their front porch for pickup by the buyer and were supposed to receive electronic payment. The buyer arrived, grabbed the item and left without payment. The neighbor completed the Flock Safety Camera Policy Form that the HOA created to request footage. The HOA Board downloaded Flock Safety footage of the described vehicle from the neighbors’ personal security cameras and provided it to the neighbor. The police were contacted by the neighbor and with the footage, the police showed up on the individuals’ front door with Flock Footage in hand. The individual immediately sent payment with police present and then was immediately arrested.”

- Sergeant Dalton Webb #3528, Fort Worth Police Department: “Flock is pretty new for us so its hard to say what long term impacts they will have on the communities they are in, but my personal opinion is that I cannot see them NOT having an impact. A good example is about 8-10

*days ago we got an alert on a stolen vehicle in an HOA in North Fort Worth that drove by one of their cameras in the middle of the night. Our officers responded and got all of them in custody, they were car burglars and they got arrested before they got to break into any vehicles. FWPD has about 70 cameras and we have plans to greatly expand that number. They are a great way to partner with us for public safety because we get the alerts and the capability to search for vehicles involved in crimes. When you combine a proactive HOA and their citizens with home surveillance cameras with flock, it's the best combo we could have to protect their communities."*

- Cory Carpenter #4188, Police Officer - L517: *"I have been lucky enough to see the success FLOCK has by helping us, apartments, HOA's and business'. Here is an interview that Sgt. Webb and I did with a local news agency. This gives our perspective the flock success."*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4PeKzg1REU4>

Please also see attached documents with a screen shot of a summary of the crimes reported in our surrounding area as well as how Flock Safety has helped other areas to reduce their crime.

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