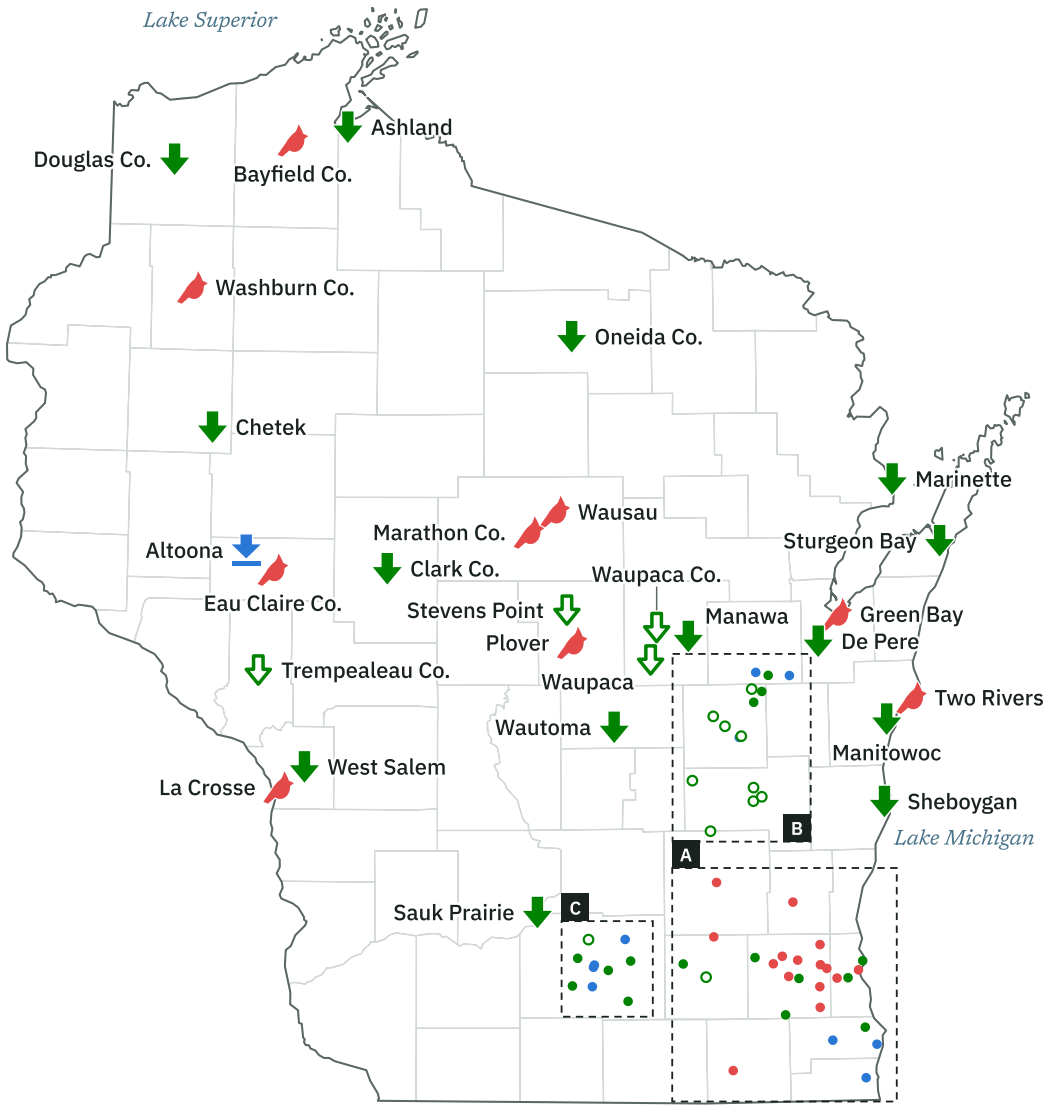
Flock in Wisconsin: who left, who is switching, who is staying

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Since November 2025, 40 Wisconsin police agencies and local governments have ended, or decided to end, their use of Flock Safety license plate cameras. 11 of them have signed with, are testing or are shopping for another vendor. Another 15 have switched their cameras off without a final decision on the contract. The map also marks 24 that still run Flock while residents, elected officials or a lawsuit push back. Wausau is one of them.

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ended or are ending Flock, with no replacement sought.	ended or are ending Flock and are moving to, or shopping for, another vendor.	switched their cameras off with no final decision yet.	still use Flock despite opposition.

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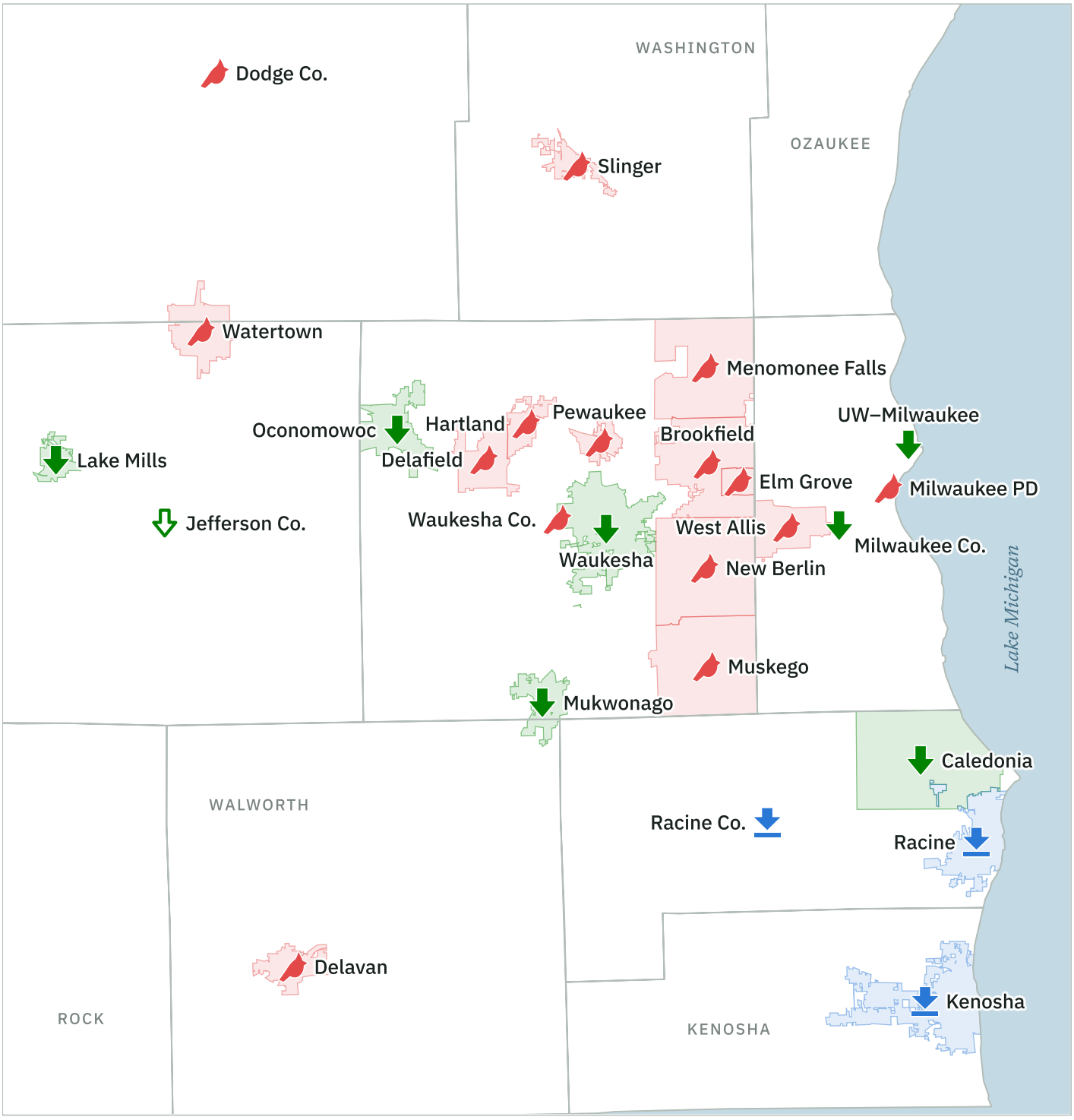
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Blue arrow on a bar. Getting rid of Flock and finding another vendor

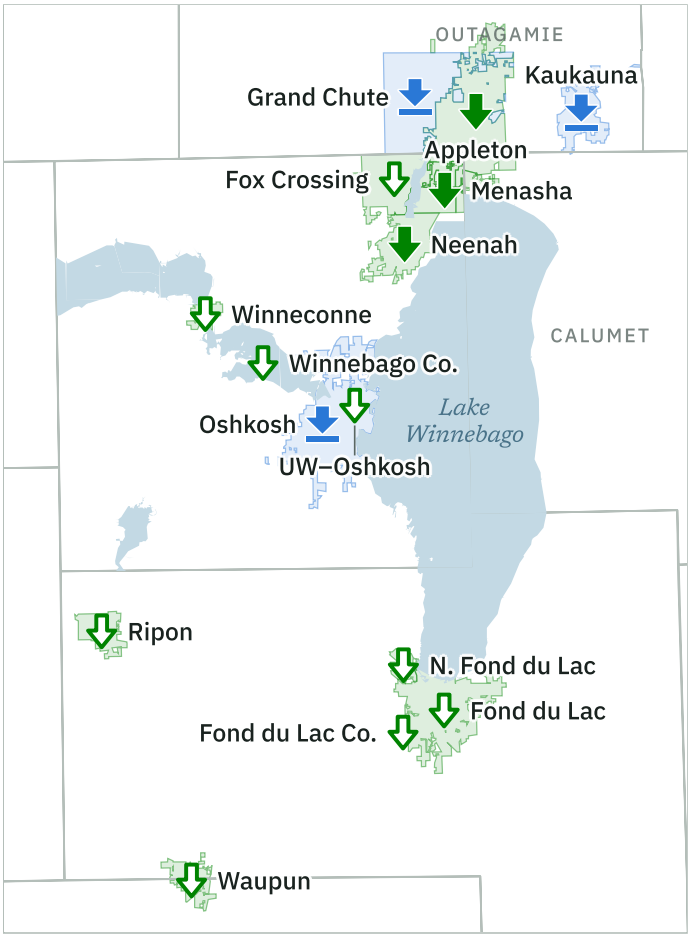
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Red bird. Still using Flock despite opposition

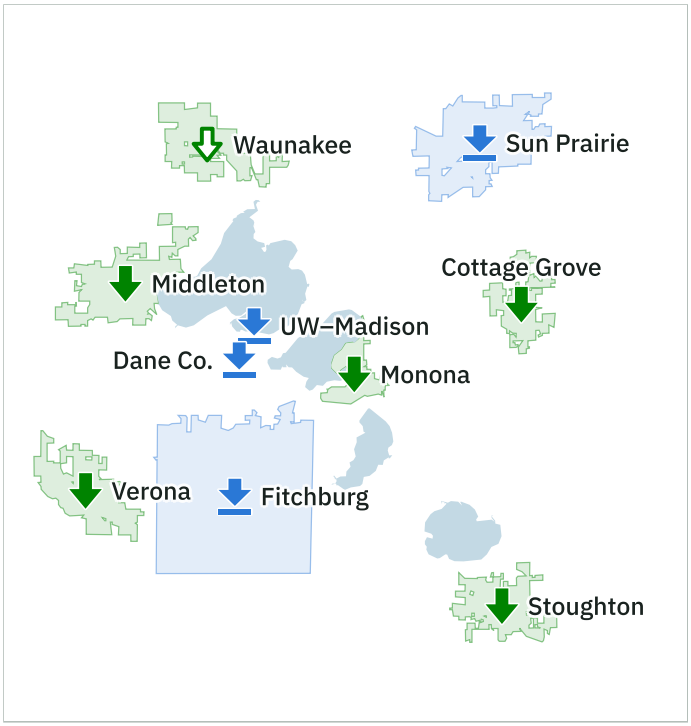
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The agency or its governing body has ended the contract, let it lapse or voted not to fund it, and is not looking for a replacement. In date order.

Community	Decision	What happened
Verona City police	Nov. 10, 2025	The Common Council voted not to renew. The contract lapsed in December 2025 and the three cameras came down in early 2026. Sources: Channel 3000, Wisconsin Examiner
Sturgeon Bay City police	April 2026	The Common Council voted to end the contract after two years. Police said on April 21 the cameras were no longer in use. The vote date and tally were not reported. Source: NBC 26
Monona City police	May 4, 2026	Police Chief Brian Chaney told the City Council he had stopped using Flock. The contract came up for renewal on April 20 and was not renewed. He left open using another company later. Sources: HNG News, WKOW
Ashland City police	June 30, 2026	Police Chief Brandon Marten said the department had not renewed its one-year contract and was having the cameras removed. He cited downtime, slow service and community concerns. Source: Fox 21

Appleton City police	July 15, 2026	Mayor Jake Woodford announced the end on May 6. The Common Council voted unanimously on July 15 to terminate the contract. The police chief has said the department wants plate readers again under new standards. No vendor is being sought. Sources: WBAY, May 6, WBAY, July 16
Douglas County Sheriff County sheriff	July 21, 2026	The sheriff ended a 60-day demonstration about two weeks early. A county committee was told on Aug. 27 that the county will not pursue a contract. Source: Superior Telegram
Stoughton City police	July 28, 2026	The City Council voted unanimously to terminate the contract early and remove five cameras. The police chief said there are no plans for other plate readers. Sources: Madison365, WMTV
Middleton City police	August 2026	The Cap Times reported on Sept. 17 that Middleton ended its contract in August. No report was found of who decided or on what day. Source: Cap Times, Sept. 17
West Salem Village police	Aug. 21, 2026	Police Chief Scott Alo said the five cameras had been removed and the contract was being canceled. He cited cost, heavy use by outside agencies and vandalism risk. Source: WXOW
Oneida County Sheriff County sheriff	Aug. 25, 2026	Sheriff Grady Hartman ended use, citing public opposition and the potential for abuse. The six cameras were removed about Oct. 2. Sources: WXPR, Lakeland Times
Chetek City police	Late August 2026	The City Council voted 3 to 1 at a special meeting to cover the two cameras and negotiate canceling the contract, which it had never voted on. A formal termination is not confirmed. Source: Chetek Alert
Menasha City police	Sept. 8, 2026	Mayor Austin Hammond had the cameras covered on Sept. 1. The Common Council voted 7 to 1 to end the relationship. The police chief said the department is not pursuing other plate readers for now. Sources: NBC 26, WBAY
Sheboygan City police	Sept. 8, 2026	The Common Council voted unanimously to terminate effective Dec. 31 and keep the 15 cameras covered until then. The police chief said no replacement is being sought. Sources: WHBL, FOX6
Mukwonago Village police	Sept. 10, 2026	The village said it had used Flock only as a limited trial since July and is ending the relationship. No board vote was reported. Source: WPR
UW–Milwaukee Police University police	Sept. 10, 2026	The university said its police are discontinuing Flock and have told the company to remove the cameras, which are covered in the meantime. Sources: FOX6, Urban Milwaukee
De Pere City police	Sept. 14, 2026	Police Chief Jeremy Muraski ended use at once and had the cameras covered. The contract expires Nov. 15 and will not be renewed. Sources: WBAY, Press Times

Wautoma City police	Sept. 14, 2026	Police covered the cameras in early September. Chief Paul Mott told the Common Council on Sept. 14 that the contract had been canceled. Source: Waushara Argus
Oconomowoc City police	Sept. 15, 2026	The Common Council voted 5 to 2 to cancel the contract, and the six cameras were covered within two days. The school district is also dropping its four cameras. Sources: FOX6, CBS 58
Waukesha City police	Sept. 15, 2026	The Common Council voted not to fund Flock beyond 2026. The cameras stay in use until Dec. 31. Sources: TMJ4, CBS 58
Lake Mills City police	Sept. 15, 2026	Police Chief Steve Schroeder said he is opting out of the contract within its 90-day exit window. The cameras are covered until Flock removes them. Source: HNG News
Sauk Prairie Joint village police	September 2026	WiscNews reported on Sept. 15 that the Sauk Prairie Police Commission voted to end the contract. The full article was not available, so the vote date and tally are not confirmed. Source: WiscNews
Neenah City police	Sept. 16, 2026	The Common Council voted unanimously to terminate the contract early. The 12 cameras are covered until they are removed. The police chief said he will wait for state legislation before considering plate readers again. Sources: WBAY, WHBY
Marinette City police	Sept. 17, 2026	The Common Council voted 9 to 0 to cancel the contract. The cameras had been covered since the start of September. Sources: FOX 11, EagleHerald
Clark County Sheriff County sheriff	Sept. 17, 2026	Sheriff Kerry Kirn announced the office is canceling its contract and ending its plate-reader program after privacy complaints from residents. Flock was notified on Sept. 10. Source: WSAW
Cottage Grove Village police	Sept. 21, 2026	The Village Board voted unanimously to stop using plate readers at once, end the Flock agreement and have an ordinance drafted barring plate readers of any brand. The nine cameras were covered the next day. Adoption of the ordinance is not confirmed. Sources: WKOW, WMTV
Manawa City police	Sept. 21, 2026	The Common Council voted unanimously to send Flock a cancellation letter for breach of contract. The two planned cameras were never switched on. Source: Waupaca County Post
Manitowoc City police	Sept. 25, 2026	Mayor Justin Nickels switched off the city's cameras on Sept. 5 and on Sept. 25 told Flock the city will not renew. The contract runs out in early 2027, and the 2027 budget has no money for cameras of this kind. Sources: WBAY, Sept. 28, WBAY, Sept. 5
Milwaukee County County government	Oct. 1, 2026	The County Board voted unanimously to remove the 42 Flock cameras in county parks by the end of 2026. County Executive David Crowley signed it on Oct. 12 after crews covered the cameras. His proposed 2027 budget has no plate-reader money. The sheriff objects. Sources: CBS 58, Oct. 12, WTMJ

Caledonia Village police	Oct. 6, 2026	The Village Board voted unanimously to defund Flock and end the contract. The six cameras come down at the end of 2026. The police chief said the village will keep looking at other technology. Nothing has been chosen. Sources: Spectrum News 1, TMJ4

Getting rid of Flock, finding another vendor 11

Flock is out, and the agency has signed with, is testing, has taken bids from or says it is looking for another plate-reader company. In date order.

Community	Decision	What happened
Dane County Sheriff County sheriff	April 16, 2026	The County Board voted 32 to 1 to cut Flock funding, and the contract expired May 31. On June 4 the board voted 26 to 7 to fund a replacement from another company. Four have bid: Axon, Motorola, Lucidia IT and Ubicquia. A 2027 budget amendment that would remove the money is pending. Sources: WPR, Cap Times, Sept. 17
Oshkosh City police	April 22, 2026	The Common Council unanimously rescinded a renewal it had approved the day before. Police said in June they were looking for a replacement vendor. A council resolution scheduled for Oct. 13 would bar plate readers unless the council authorizes them. Sources: NBC 26, WBAY, June 17
Fitchburg City police	May 26, 2026	The Common Council voted unanimously to discontinue Flock. Police are testing Axon and Motorola readers. Any contract needs a council vote. Sources: Channel 3000, WMTV, Aug. 18
Grand Chute Town police	June 2, 2026	The Town Board voted unanimously to end Flock a year early and sign with Axon for 23 cameras. Sources: FOX 11, NBC 26
UW–Madison Police University police	June 26, 2026	The department let its contract end and had its eight cameras removed. It says it is exploring other plate-reader vendors and has named none. Sources: UWPD, Cap Times
Kaukauna City police	July 8, 2026	The mayor and police chief ended the contract for six cameras without a council vote. The chief is exploring other systems with nearby chiefs, including Axon's. Sources: WBAY, WHBY
Altoona City police	Summer 2026	Police Chief Kelly Bakken let the contracts expire and the 11 Flock cameras were removed. The department now owns Verkada plate readers, four in place and four more planned. Sources: WEAU, Leader-Telegram
Kenosha City police	Sept. 2, 2026	The mayor and police chief announced the city is canceling Flock about a year early. The 31 cameras are covered and are being replaced by 31 Axon readers under a contract signed in January. Sources: FOX6, Sept. 8, FOX6
Racine County Sheriff County sheriff	Sept. 4, 2026	Sheriff Christopher Schmaling ordered all of the office's Flock cameras removed and hired a lawyer to end the agreement. The office says it is looking for another plate-reader vendor. Sources: CBS 58, Spectrum News 1, Oct. 7

Racine City police	Sept. 15, 2026	The Common Council voted 8 to 6 to end the contract after 30 days. Mayor Cory Mason had broken a 7-to-7 tie on that timetable. Police plan to get quotes for other plate readers. Sources: WRJN, FOX6
Sun Prairie City police	Sept. 16, 2026	The city and police said they will not renew Flock. Contracts for six cameras end Dec. 31 and for three on March 31, 2027. A proposed Axon contract was due before the Public Safety Committee on Oct. 7. No report of the outcome had appeared by Oct. 12. Sources: WMTV, HNG News

Switched off, no final decision 15

The cameras are covered, suspended or taken down, but no contract termination or final vote has been reported. These could still go either way.

Community	Switched off	What happened
Fond du Lac County Sheriff County sheriff	Sept. 4, 2026	The sheriff and four police chiefs in the county jointly stopped using Flock and covered every camera. Their statement said continuing was not appropriate at this time. No contract termination has been reported. Sources: KFIZ, WBAY
Fond du Lac City police	Sept. 4, 2026	Part of the joint county statement. No council vote or contract termination has been reported. Source: KFIZ
North Fond du Lac Village police	Sept. 4, 2026	Part of the joint county statement. No village board action or contract termination has been reported. Source: KFIZ
Ripon City police	Sept. 4, 2026	Police Chief Bill Wallner joined the county statement three weeks after the Common Council renewed Flock 4 to 3. Both cameras are covered and the city is seeking a refund. No formal termination has been reported. Source: Ripon Commonwealth Press
Waupun City police	Sept. 4, 2026	Part of the joint county statement. No council vote or contract termination has been reported. Source: KFIZ
Winnebago County Sheriff County sheriff	Sept. 4, 2026	The Sheriff's Office suspended all Flock products pending talks with the company and an internal review. It has not announced a final decision. Sources: NBC 26, NBC 26, Oshkosh
Fox Crossing Village police	Sept. 4, 2026	Named in the sheriff's announcement that every police chief in Winnebago County was suspending Flock. No village board action has been reported. Source: NBC 26
Winneconne Village police	Sept. 4, 2026	Named in the sheriff's announcement that every police chief in Winnebago County was suspending Flock. No village board action has been reported. Source: NBC 26
UW–Oshkosh Police University police	Sept. 4, 2026	Campus police covered their cameras after the county suspension. No decision on the contract has been reported. Source: Advance-Titan

Stevens Point City police	Sept. 8, 2026	Mayor Mike Wiza ordered the 10 cameras covered and said a return is very unlikely. The police chief disagreed with the suspension. The police and fire commission and the Common Council have not made a final decision. Sources: WSAW, Metro Wire
Waupaca County Sheriff County sheriff	Sept. 8, 2026	The sheriff suspended the cameras, and a county committee voted to drop Flock money from the 2027 budget. The budget is not final and no contract termination has been reported. Source: WBAY
Waupaca City police	September 2026	Police Chief Pete Kraeger told the Common Council the city is suspending its four cameras while it watches for changes in state law. Source: Waupaca County Post, Oct. 5
Jefferson County Sheriff County sheriff	Sept. 10, 2026	Sheriff Travis Maze suspended the cameras after learning the office's search data had been released without its permission. No final decision has been reported. Sources: WMTV, Channel 3000
Waunakee Village police	Mid-September 2026	The police chief took down the five cameras after they were vandalized. The contract runs to the end of 2026. He is weighing other vendors and says nothing is decided. Source: HNG News
Trempealeau County Sheriff County sheriff	Date not confirmed	The Trempealeau County Times reports that Sheriff Erica Koxlien covered and then disabled the county's cameras, after a supervisor had pressed for months to have them turned off. The full articles were not available, so the date and her reasons are not confirmed. The contract was due to expire Dec. 31, 2026. Sources: Trempealeau County Times, News 8000, July

Still using Flock despite opposition 24

Flock cameras were in use as of the latest report, and residents, elected officials or a lawsuit have pushed back on the record. Several face a vote soon. The Waukesha County lawsuit was filed in September by the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty for two citizen groups and a resident. It asks a court to require warrants for searches of Flock data and names the county and 11 municipalities, which moved it to federal court on Oct. 7 and asked for dismissal.

Community	Latest report	Where it stands
Wausau City police	Oct. 8, 2026	Twenty cameras on a five-year, $250,000 contract. The mayor's proposed 2027 budget keeps the $50,000 payment and the police chief has asked the Finance Committee to keep it. **Opposition:** residents have asked the council to end the contract, and four alders have said they oppose the cameras or would cut the money. **Next:** police present to the Public Health and Safety Committee on Oct. 19, and the council adopts the budget in November. Sources: Wausau Pilot & Review, Oct. 8, Wausau Pilot & Review, Sept. 30
Marathon County Sheriff County sheriff	Oct. 8, 2026	Sheriff Chad Billeb said on Sept. 15 he will keep the county's cameras, and that was still his position on Oct. 8. The county administrator says the sheriff needs no board approval. **Opposition:** limited on the record. A county supervisor asked that audits of searches be made mandatory. Sources: Wausau Pilot & Review, Sept. 15, Wausau Pilot & Review, Oct. 8

Plover Village police	Sept. 9, 2026	Police said they found no reason to suspend the village's 10 cameras for now. **Opposition:** limited on the record. A resident's published letter called for audits, sharing limits and a public say. Sources: Metro Wire, Metro Wire, letter
Bayfield County Sheriff County sheriff	Oct. 8, 2026	Six cameras still in use, and Sheriff Tony Williams defends them. One county committee voted to drop the money from the 2027 budget and another voted 3 to 2 for a countywide policy that could ban them. **Opposition:** a petition of about 350 signatures. **Next:** the County Board takes it up on Oct. 27. Sources: Ashland Daily Press, Ashland Daily Press, earlier
Brookfield City police	Oct. 7, 2026	No vote taken. A council committee is reviewing the roughly $40,000 agreement, which renews in July 2027. **Opposition:** an alderwoman filed for the review after officers stopped innocent people on an outdated Flock alert on Aug. 6. The city is also a defendant in the Waukesha County lawsuit. Sources: TMJ4, Waukesha Freeman, lawsuit
Delafield City police	Oct. 7, 2026	The police chief defended the cameras on Aug. 20, two days after the city turned off nationwide search. **Opposition:** defendant in the Waukesha County lawsuit. Sources: Daily News, Waukesha Freeman, lawsuit
Delavan City police	Sept. 30, 2026	Nine cameras still in use. A city committee voted on Sept. 29 to recommend removing or turning them off, and the police chief wants to keep them. **Opposition:** a petition of more than 800 signatures. **Next:** a Common Council vote is expected on Oct. 21. Source: TMJ4
Dodge County Sheriff County sheriff	Oct. 12, 2026	The sheriff and district attorney defend the cameras. **Opposition:** a supervisor's resolution to end Flock funding. The County Board voted 21 to 12 on Sept. 15 to send it back to committee, and it returns to the full board. Sources: Watertown Daily Times, Daily Dodge
Eau Claire County Sheriff County sheriff	Aug. 31, 2026	Thirteen cameras on a five-year contract approved in 2023. No decision to end has been reported. **Opposition:** about 70 people rallied on Aug. 30 for an outside audit and more oversight. Source: WEAU
Elm Grove Village police	Oct. 7, 2026	No public statement found and no report of ending. **Opposition:** defendant in the Waukesha County lawsuit, which says the village has no written Flock policy. Sources: WILL, Waukesha Freeman, lawsuit
Green Bay City police	Sept. 20, 2026	The mayor and police chief said on Sept. 14 the city will keep its 42 cameras under a tighter policy, with a 30-day public comment period. **Opposition:** several alders, including the council president, and a residents' petition. Sources: WBAY, Press Times
Hartland Village police	Oct. 7, 2026	No public statement found and no report of ending. **Opposition:** defendant in the Waukesha County lawsuit. A national tracker lists Hartland as having removed its cameras, but its source is a story about Hartland, New York. Sources: WPR, Waukesha Freeman, lawsuit

La Crosse City police	Oct. 8, 2026	City plate readers still in use. **Opposition:** residents held a week of action on Oct. 5 to 9 asking the mayor and council to cancel the cameras and leave them out of the 2027 budget. Source: WIZM
Menomonee Falls Village police	Oct. 7, 2026	The department said in a Sept. 19 report that it plans to keep using plate readers. **Opposition:** defendant in the Waukesha County lawsuit. Sources: Waukesha Freeman, Sept. 19, Waukesha Freeman, lawsuit
Milwaukee Police City police	Oct. 12, 2026	The department confirmed on Oct. 7 that it seeks to renew its contract, which ends in January 2027. No signed renewal has been reported. **Opposition:** two alders have proposed requiring council committee approval of plate-reader contracts, and residents spoke against Flock at budget and commission hearings. Sources: CBS 58, WISN
Muskego City police	Oct. 7, 2026	Police said in September they had no immediate plans to change. The mayor expected the issue to come up in the fall budget. **Opposition:** the residents' group NoCams Muskego wants an ordinance banning plate readers and is a plaintiff in the Waukesha County lawsuit. Sources: TMJ4, Waukesha Freeman, lawsuit
New Berlin City police	Oct. 7, 2026	The city declined to comment on the lawsuit, and no report of ending was found. **Opposition:** defendant in the Waukesha County lawsuit. Sources: TMJ4, Waukesha Freeman, lawsuit
Pewaukee Village police	Oct. 7, 2026	Police Chief Timothy Heier defended the cameras in an August report as another tool for officers. No decision to end has been reported. **Opposition:** defendant in the Waukesha County lawsuit. Sources: Waukesha Freeman, Aug. 12, Waukesha Freeman, lawsuit
Slinger Village police	Sept. 28, 2026	Five cameras. No vote taken. **Opposition:** a petition of more than 250 signatures, and about 10 speakers at the Sept. 28 village meeting. The board president said the issue may be on an agenda in January. Source: TMJ4
Two Rivers City police	Sept. 15, 2026	Twelve cameras still in use as of mid-September, with outside agencies' access shut off. No vote taken. **Opposition:** residents asked the City Council on Sept. 8 to end the contract, and council members said they had been misled about what the cameras do. Source: Herald Times Reporter, via Yahoo
Washburn County Sheriff County sheriff	Sept. 16, 2026	Four cameras on Highways 53 and 70, in place for two years. The sheriff-elect told a Sept. 10 meeting it is a waiting game to see whether an order to shut them down comes. **Opposition:** he described a big push from committees and politicians to get rid of them. Source: Spooner Advocate, via NewsBreak
Watertown City police	Oct. 1, 2026	Police Chief Dave Brower told the Common Council on Sept. 15 he is staying with Flock, and 10 more cameras were funded for 2026. No vote taken. **Opposition:** public commenters, including a former alder, asked the city to end it. Alders asked for a written policy and shorter data retention. Sources: Watertown Daily Times, WMTV, Oct. 1

Waukesha County Sheriff County sheriff	Oct. 7, 2026	The office said on Sept. 19 it is reviewing its Flock policies and use. No decision to end has been reported. **Opposition:** lead defendant in the Waukesha County lawsuit. Sources: Waukesha Freeman, Sept. 19, Waukesha Freeman, lawsuit
West Allis City police	Sept. 16, 2026	The Common Council has authorized up to $182,900 to add cameras, and the contract runs into 2027. No action was taken on Sept. 16. **Opposition:** several residents asked the council that night to reconsider the expansion, citing privacy and the Waukesha County lawsuit. The source is an automated summary of the meeting, not the official minutes. Source: Citizen Portal meeting summary

Notes

- Each entry was checked against local news reports or official statements through October 12, 2026. The sources are linked with the entry. Where a detail could not be confirmed, the entry says so.
- A community counts as finding another vendor only if it has signed, is testing, has taken bids or has said it is looking. Where officials said only that plate readers might return some day (Appleton, Monona, Caledonia, Manawa), the entry notes it and the community stays in the first group.
- The red birds are not a list of every Flock customer. Many more Wisconsin agencies use Flock with no reported dispute. Not marked, for lack of a recent report or of documented local opposition: Antigo, Columbus, Maple Bluff, Marshall, Plymouth, Rice Lake, Shawano, Whitewater, the State Capitol Police, and the sheriffs of Kenosha, Lincoln, Marinette, Portage, Rock and Washington counties.
- Plymouth's council chose on Sept. 15 to continue Flock and review it in spring 2027 (WHBL). No local opposition was reported, so it is not marked. Headlines about Plymouth ending its Flock contract are about Plymouth, Minnesota. In the same way, a national tracker's entry for Hartland is about Hartland, New York.
- McFarland (May 2026) and Marshfield (October 2026) dropped plans to buy Flock cameras before any were installed. Madison police have never had them.
- County sheriffs and county governments are drawn at the middle of their county. Markers that would overlap are nudged apart, so positions in crowded areas are approximate. Boundaries are from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Compiled October 12, 2026. Decisions are moving quickly: votes are scheduled in Oshkosh (Oct. 13), Delavan (Oct. 21) and Bayfield County (Oct. 27), and Wausau adopts its budget in November.