



April 24, 2019

VIA E-MAIL

LexisNexis

Attn: Dominique Huff; Claims Adjuster

FAX No.: 800-934-6449

RE: 19-FOIA-064 Report #MP-19-00009281; Your Tran No.: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Huff:

We are in receipt of your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* (“FOIA”).

I. Background

On March 6, 2019, we received your request for Report No. MP-19-00009281 regarding an auto accident which took place on February 22, 2019 (“Request”). Your Request is granted in part and denied in part.

II. Responsive Documents

In response to your Request, Metra is providing you with Metra Police Report No. MP-19-00009281, the Supplemental Report, and 13 of the 15 photographs referenced in the Supplemental Report (“Responsive Documents”). Metra’s Police department advises that photos 14 of 15 and 15 of 15 were not saved and are not available.

Metra does not maintain records of other entities. For access to Northbrook Police Department Crash Report No. 19-03132 please submit a FOIA Request to the Northbrook Police Department directly via email at FOIA@northbrook.il.us.

III. Partial Denial

While FOIA requires public bodies to provide access to public records generally, FOIA also authorizes units of government to withhold certain information. Therefore, Attorney Keith Pardonnet has determined that the following portions of the Responsive Documents are exempt from disclosure under certain provisions of FOIA:

1. The employee identification number, passwords, personal telephone number, home address, and personal license plate number of the parties mentioned in the Responsive Documents are redacted because they are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA, which exempts “private information.” “Employee identification numbers,” “passwords,” “personal telephone numbers,” “home addresses,” and “personal license plate numbers” are specifically mentioned within the definition of “private information” found in Section 2(c-5) of FOIA.

2. The date of birth, physical description, and insurance policy number of the parties mentioned in the Responsive Documents, are redacted because they are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA, which exempts “personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy....” Section 7(1)(c) goes on to say that, “‘Unwarranted invasion of personal privacy’ means the disclosure of information that is highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person and in which the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information.” It has been determined that the aforementioned data falls squarely within that definition and its redaction is appropriate under FOIA.

IV. Right of Review

A person whose request to inspect or copy a public record was treated by the public body as a request for a commercial purpose under Section 3.1 of FOIA may file a request for review with the Public Access Counselor (“**PAC**”) of the Illinois Attorney General’s Office for the limited purpose of reviewing whether the public body properly determined that the request was made for a commercial purpose. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(b). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

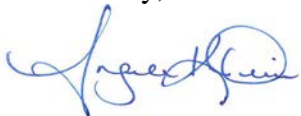
Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this partial denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this partial denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your partial denial by filing a lawsuit in the circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Freedom of Information Officer
FOIA@metrarr.com
FOIA Hotline #312-663-3642

Attachments