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April 16, 2021

Via Email:

Freddy Martinez
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RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST
FOIA FILE NO.: P649934

Dear Freddy Martinez:

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department (CPD) on April 6, 2021 for the following records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 et seq:

“Therefore we request:

Documents sufficient to show the bidding process for a "Chicago Public Safety Record System"

Any vendor marketing material that was presented to CPD for a "Chicago Public Safety Record System"

Any and all internal discussion (emails, documents, hand written notes and other records) about the need to build a "Chicago Public Safety Record System" or similar FOIA / Public Records Portal.

Any and all internal discussion (emails, documents, hand written notes and other records) about the capabilities of a "Chicago Public Safety Record System". Any contracts with vendors (including payments to) for a "Chicago Public Safety Record System" and documents sufficient to show the source of the monies. Any documents sufficient to show the timeline about the "Chicago Public Safety Record System" including planned roll out, details about implementation, and finalized plans for the "Chicago Public Safety Record System"

Your request was reviewed by CPD. Be advised, as permitted by 5 ILCS 140/3(e), the time may have been extended in order to conduct a thorough search for these records. Your request was interpreted as seeking responsive records regarding: any records within CPD's possession regarding several keywords included in your request. In addition, your request includes a search for all emails containing several keywords with no timeframe included in your search parameters. Please note that after careful review and consideration, CPD is unable to fulfill your request, in-part, and approving your request, in-part. Please see below for an explanation.

As to the portion of your request for any documents associated with a Chicago Public Safety Record System, be advised that in collaboration with CPD's IT department, a responsive record was located. This responsive record is being submitted to you in response to your request. As to any other documents or records associated with these keywords, be advised that CPD has no further responsive records. However, in response to the portion of your request for all emails, including attachments, associated with several keywords, be advised that this portion of your request is denied. Please see below for a detailed explanation.

Be advised that the search parameters did not include a timeframe, which is necessary to create reasonable,

narrowly tailored search parameters. However, even further, your search words are currently used by CPD's email response that is used by [many] CPD departments, including CPD's FOIA unit. Specifically, CPD's email system uses these keywords when auto-reply to any person or entity that electronically communicates with CPD. Thus, the amount of responsive hits using these keywords reaches the level of hundreds, if not thousands, used on an hourly and daily basis by CPD's electronic communication systems. Thus, this would result in an onerous and unreasonable amount of responsive records that would result in thousands of pages that would be responsive based on the keywords you provided.

Therefore, it was determined that compliance with your FOIA as a whole would unduly burden CPD's operations. These facts paired with the short response time allowed by FOIA, make the task of identifying, collecting, and reviewing additional potentially responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. As a result, CPD has determined that compliance with portions of your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

Be advised that the FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information. Also, apart from the time to copy, organize, and transport, each page would have to be reviewed for possible exempt and responsive material.

Assuming this review-process would take at-least 3 minutes per page, it would take an experienced FOIA officer more than one, 35-hour work week to fulfill this request, which is not inclusive of the time necessary to retrieve the documents, to the exclusion of all other tasks. Combined with the short response time allowed by the FOIA, makes the task of researching, reviewing and redacting the responsive records pursuant to your FOIA request in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. Thus, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome on the daily operations of CPD and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest, thus your request is denied.

However, pursuant to Section 3(g) of FOIA, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to substantially modify the portions of your request to make it more manageable. CPD encourages you to review your request to ascertain the specific details to your query. Unless and until a new, separate FOIA request is submitted that substantially narrows the records you are seeking, CPD will be unable to provide further records. Once this is determined by you, a new, separate FOIA request must be submitted to CPD, specifying the records with more particularity and reasonable certainty, you would like CPD to provide.

To the extent that you consider this a denial of your FOIA request, you have a right of review by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor. If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of a denial letter 5 ILCS 140-9.5(a).

When filing a Request for Review, you must include a copy of the original FOIA request and a denial letter. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 by filing a lawsuit in the State Circuit Court. You can file a request for review by writing to the following:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 S. 2nd Street

Springfield, Illinois 62706

Phone: 312-814-5526 or 1-877-299-FOIA (1-877-299-3642) Fax: 217-782-1396

E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

If I can be of further assistance, you may contact me at (312) 745-5308, or by mail at the following address:

Chicago Police Department
Attn: Freedom of Information Officer
Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114
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Sincerely,

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