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Via Email:

Emily Crose
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RE: NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST
FOIA FILE NO.: P598277

Dear Emily Crose:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), request for the following:

"Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

Any documentation (including emails) pertaining to local police cooperation on the US Department of Justice program publicly known as "Operation LEGEND" between the dates of May 15, 2020 and the date of acknowledgement of this request. Please also include any slideshow presentations, office documents, and/or audio/visual (phone calls, voicemails, etc.) data that may be responsive to this request."

CPD and in collaboration with information Services Division reviewed your request and is interpreting your request as seeking the **[emails- pertaining to local police cooperation on the US Department of Justice program publicly known as "Operation LEGEND" between the dates of May 15, 2020- August 21, 2020]**. It was determined that your request is unduly burdensome as currently written and as a result, your request is denied.

Given the scope of your request, processing such a request would be unduly burdensome as written. 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.

Providing all of the emails you are requesting constitutes more than 7,000 emails. Please be advised that CPD does not have any automated mechanism by which to track, query, or limit a search of records for emails that do not relate to a criminal investigation. To fulfill your request as currently written, CPD would have to manually review each individual email to determine whether or not it is responsive to

your request. The total page count of over 7,000 emails, assuming each of those files numbered only 1 page in length, would constitute more than 7,000 pages of responsive documents, which would require substantial collection, redaction, and review of documents. Even assuming that CPD could review and compile the responsive documents based on the aforementioned search, this task represents an unduly burdensome request for action.

Based on past requests, it would be reasonable to expect a trained FOIA officer to take at least two minutes to review one page of responsive documents. More than 7,000 pages of responsive documentation would require at least 233 hours to review, which is not inclusive of the time necessary to retrieve the documents, to the exclusion of all other tasks. These facts, paired with the short response time allowed by FOIA, make the task of identifying, collecting, and reviewing potentially responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon CPD. As a result, CPD has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that CPD's burden to process your request outweighs the public's interest.

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.

Sincerely,

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