

April 26, 2021

Sam Stecklow
[REDACTED]

RE: Request

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Mr. Stecklow:

This is to acknowledge that your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received on April 12 for the following police tracking documents.

“Any logs, lists, spreadsheets, or other similar documents used by PCC PD to track information regarding the following types of cases involving employees of the PCC PD:

- Uses of force
- Review of uses of force
- Citizen complaints
- Internal investigations (regardless of source — i.e., both citizen and internally-initiated investigations)
- Disciplinary actions
- Appeals of discipline”

I reached out to you on April 20 to explain to you there would be a delay due an internal oversight, and also asked for clarification regarding the records you were seeking. At that time, you indicated you were seeking records dating back to January 1, 2010.

Parkland College’s Response:

Parkland College does not keep “logs, lists, or spreadsheets” to track these items within the Parkland College Police Department, and thus does not have in its possession records responsive to your request.

However, in order to be as responsive as possible, we have put together the information below that was readily available.

- Citizen complaints: 2
- Internal investigations (regardless of source — i.e., both citizen and internally-initiated investigations): 0
- Disciplinary actions: 5

- Appeals of discipline: 1 (The Public Safety Officer's Association Union does not have an "appeals" process for disciplinary matters. The union may file a grievance over a disciplinary action. There was one grievance filed as a result of a disciplinary action by the PSOA during this timeframe.)

The Parkland College Police Department maintains no recordkeeping system that would produce the number of cases involving uses of force or reviews of uses of force. Gleaning this information would require an extensive search of all case files and the creation of a new document. The Illinois Freedom of Information Act does not intend "to create an obligation on the part of any public body to maintain or prepare any public record which was not maintained or prepared by such public body at the time when this Act becomes effective." (5 ILCS 140/1)

As Vice President for Communications and External Affairs, I am responsible for granting and denying the requests for records under the *Freedom of Information Act*. Please be aware that this response to your request is pursuant to my understanding of your FOIA request. If I have misunderstood your request, please let me know as soon as possible so I may provide the correct information.

Finally, if you believe that this response constitutes a denial of your request, you have the right to have this response reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). 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

You also have the right to seek judicial review of this response by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor or State court, you will need to include a copy of this letter for the review.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Stephanie L. Stuart
Vice President for Communications and External Affairs

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