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Attention: Freedom of Information Officer  
Civilian Office of Police Accountability  
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Chicago, Illinois 60622

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Dear FOIA Officer

This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. I request the following data for every CR that COPA has access to in CLEAR, regardless of which agency investigated the CR:

- CR Number
- Date of incident
- Time of incident
- Date of notification/complaint
- Date of investigation was closed or an indicator it is ongoing
- Address of incident
- Geocoordinates of incident
- Beat of incident
- Location code of incident
- Category code
- Category name/description
- Case type
- Whether the case involved a police shooting
- Whether the complaint was made by a sworn officer of CPD or a civilian
- Whether the case was referred to the offices of the Cook County State's Attorney or U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois
  - If so, which
  - If so, date of referral
- Investigating agency (BIA, COPA/IPRA, OIG, FBI, etc.)
- Current status
- Current level of review (Superintendent, Department of Law, etc.) if applicable
- For each investigator assigned to each CR, please provide:
  - First name of investigator
  - Middle name or initial
  - Last name
  - Star or badge number

- Any unique IDs associated with the investigator
- Race
- Gender
- Agency
- Year of birth
- Unit or team or division assignment at the time of CR
- Current unit or team or division assignment
- Rank or job title at the time of CR
- Current rank or job title
- Date of appointment or hire
- Date that each assigned investigator was assigned to the CR
- Date that each assigned investigator was removed from the CR
- For every accused officer, please provide:
  - First name
  - Middle name or initial
  - Last name
  - Race
  - Gender
  - Star or badge number
  - Any other unique IDs associated with the officer
  - Birth year
  - Unit assignment at the time of the incident
  - Current unit assignment
  - Rank at the time of the incident
  - Current rank
  - District at the time of the incident
  - Current district
  - Whether the officer was on or off duty at the time of the incident
  - Whether the officer was arrested
  - Whether the officer was injured
    - If so, OBR report number
  - For every allegation against each officer, please provide:for each allegation:
    - Complaint category code
    - Category code description
    - Recommended investigatory finding
    - Recommended investigatory finding description
    - Final Investigatory Finding
    - Final Investigatory Finding Description
    - Recommended Disciplinary Outcome
    - Recommended Disciplinary Outcome Description
    - Final Disciplinary Outcome
    - Final Disciplinary Outcome Description
- For every civilian witness, please provide:
  - Race
  - Gender

- Year of birth
  - Age
- For every witness who is a sworn CPD officer, please provide:
  - First name
  - Middle name or initial
  - Last name
  - Employee ID or equivalent unique identifier field
  - Race
  - Gender
  - Birth year
  - Unit assignment at the time of the incident
  - Current unit assignment
  - Rank at the time of the incident
  - Current rank
  - District at the time of the incident
  - Current district
- For all victims of police force in each CR, please provide:
  - Race
  - Gender
  - Year of birth
  - Any injuries suffered
- For all complainants in each CR, please provide:
  - Race
  - Gender
  - Year of birth

Please email the documents or files, and any communications, to [foia@invisibleinstitute.com](mailto:foia@invisibleinstitute.com).

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Thank you for your time and prompt attention to this matter. Please contact me should you have any questions related to this request.

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