



February 13, 2018

Sam Stecklow
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Via Email: foia@invisibleinstitute.com

Re: FOIA 18-060-062

Mr. Stecklow:

On behalf of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA), I am responding to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by this office on January 29, 2018. COPA is now timely responding to your request seeking: information for all CR investigations accessible by COPA in the CLEAR database, regardless of the investigative agency: CR number; Category number; Category name; Any associated TRR numbers; whether the incident was on or off duty; investigative agency (IAD, OPS, IPRA/COPA, OIG, etc.); Whether the officer was arrested; Whether the officer was injured and if so, the OBR report number; whether it is a citizen or internal police complaint; for every officer named in each complaint, please provide: first name, middle name or initial, last name, 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, whether the officer was on or off duty at the time of the incident.”

At this time, we are timely responding to your request by sending you anonymized information in the form of four separate spreadsheets. Please note that we only track certain information in our portal, and that compiling additional information that we do not already track would constitute an undue burden. Additionally, please note that we do not have access to cases from OPS.

Section 3(g) of FOIA provides that “[r]equests calling 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.” 5 ILCS 140/3(g). In order to compile the information we do not currently track, we would need to look up and review documentation on each of the 80,000-plus cases. Therefore, as your request is currently written, it would be onerous and unduly burdensome on the daily operations of COPA to comply with your request.



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If you would like specific information on any of the individual cases listed, please narrow your request and we will compile what we are able to given our current operational capabilities.

In the event that we do not receive a narrowed request and your FOIA request is therefore denied, you have a right of review by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor, who can be contacted at 500 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706 or by telephone at (217) 558-0486. You may also seek judicial review of denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 of FOIA.

Sincerely,

Jane Sternecky
Supervising Paralegal/FOIA Officer