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Via: E-mail
Chicago Police Department
Attn: Freedom of Information Officer
Records Inquiry Section, Unit 163
3510 S. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL 60653

10/30/2015, 2015

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq., I hereby request the following records pertaining to police involved shootings of the Chicago Police Department.

Definitions for Request

“Police officer” includes any person who is or was a sworn member of the Chicago Police Department regardless of rank (e.g., Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Commander, Captain, Lieutenant, etc.).

“Reporting party” refers to any and all people who reported the shooting, or were identified as a witness to the shooting incident. This includes “Other Involved Parties.”

“Involved Officer” refers to any and all officers who were directly responsible for shooting during the incident. This includes “Involved Members.”

“Location code” refers to the code used to indicate whether the shooting took place at a place of business, a residence, etc.

“Incident number” refers to any existing identifying number used to mark the shooting incident, including but not limited to shooting record numbers, Log numbers, SPAR numbers, etc.

“Outcome of the investigation” refers to the outcome as determined by Internal Affairs, Office of Professional Standards, or the Independent Police Review Authority. (e.g., exonerated, not sustained, unfounded, sustained, etc.)

“Recommended discipline” refers to the disciplinary action recommended by Internal Affairs, Office of Professional Standards, or the Independent Police Review Authority.

“Shooting” refers to any time a Chicago Police officer discharged a firearm, including but not limited to whether the officer was on or off-duty, whether the shooting resulted in fatalities or injuries or no one was injured.

“Final outcome” refers to the outcome of the investigation issued to the officer following all appeals or reviews of any disciplinary action.

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“Final disciplinary action” refers to the disciplinary action that was actually issued to the officer following all appeals or reviews of any disciplinary action. (e.g., reprimand, suspension and associated length, separation, etc.) This does not refer to a disciplinary action issued by the Superintendent that was subsequently overturned, reversed, or reduced by an appeal or review process.

“Date of production” refers to the day this request is processed and furnished.

Request

I request any and all reported or investigated shootings by Chicago Police Officers, including but not limited to alleged shootings, shootings that were not investigated, and non-fatal shootings, between January 1, 1967 and the date of production, with all of the following data:

- I. For each shooting incident please provide the following data:
 - A. The Initial Incident Category List code
 - B. The Initial Incident Category description
 - C. Whether the shooting officer was the primary responder to the initial incident
 - D. The shooting incident Log or U number
 - E. The beat number in which the shooting incident took place
 - F. The address at which the shooting incident took place
 - G. The location code of the shooting incident
 - H. The location description of the shooting incident
 - I. The date that the shooting incident took place
 - J. The time that the shooting incident took place
 - K. The date that the shooting was reported
 - L. The date that the shooting file/investigation was closed, or indicate if the shooting remains open
- M. For each Investigator assigned to the incident
 1. Name of each Investigator
 2. Agency of Investigator (IAD, BIA, OPS or IPRA, etc)
 3. Assigned Team
 4. Unit of Assignment of Investigator on the date of the shooting incident
 5. Assignment Date
 6. Assignment Time
 7. Assigned By
 8. Reason
- N. The final outcome code of the investigation
- O. The final outcome description of the investigation
- P. The recommended discipline
- Q. The final discipline imposed

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R. Within each shooting incident, for each involved officer please provide the following data:

1. Name
2. Employee number
3. Star Number
4. Gender
5. Race
6. Age or year of birth
7. Unit of Assignment on the date of the shooting incident
8. Unit of Assignment on the date of production
9. Rank on the date of the shooting incident
10. Rank on the date of production
11. Date of appointment
12. Whether the officer was on or off duty on the date of the shooting incident

B. Within each shooting incident, for each Chicago police employee witness or reporting party please provide the following data:

1. Role
2. Name
3. Star number
4. Employee number
5. Unit Number on the date of the shooting incident
6. Position / Rank
7. Gender
8. Race
9. Age or year of birth

B. Within each shooting incident, for each reporting party or witness who is not an employee of the Chicago Police Department, please provide the following data:

1. Gender
2. Race
3. Age or year of birth

Consistent with the City's policy implemented with the settlement of *Kalven v. City of Chicago*, 2014 IL App (1st) 121846, I do not object to the redaction of the names and identifying information of complainants, non-police witnesses, and police witnesses/ whistleblowers who support the claim that the accused officer or officers committed misconduct. Per the policy, the Department should not redact the birth year, age, gender, or race of these individuals. I also do not object to the redaction of personal information about the accused officers, such as the officer's social security number, home address, and home phone.

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/6(a), we request the information be furnished in the electronic format in which it is maintained by the Independent Police Review Authority or the Chicago Police Department, not in PDF or paper printouts. If the information is maintained in custom electronic format not currently available to

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the public, we request the information be furnished in an electronic format that is viewable by standard software, such as Excel, Access, SPSS, SQL, etc. Please provide the data through a file sharing service like Drop Box.

Because I, the requestor, am a journalist, and I seek the information in order to disseminate it to the public, and because the information regards the safety, welfare, and legal rights of the general public, the request meets the statutory definition of “in the public interest.” This request is not for commercial benefit as defined in the statute because this request is made by a member of the news media whose principal purpose is to access and disseminate information regarding the general public’s safety, welfare, and legal rights. To the extent you intend to assess any charges, please notify me to discuss first.

I do not grant any extension of time for you to provide a written response to this request, but I consent to Chicago Police Department taking 30 calendar days from the date of this request to produce the requested records so long as we receive written confirmation by the statutory response deadline.

Thank you for your time and prompt attention to this matter,

Jamie Kalven