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Superintendent of Police

February 11, 2025

Via email:

Bailey Passmore
bailey@hrdag.org

RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST
FOIA FILE NO: P022910

Dear Bailey Passmore;

This notice is in response to your request received by the Chicago Police Department (CPD) on February 3, 2025 for the following records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140 et seq:

“This is a request for public records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Please make available for my inspection the following public records in the department’s possession, custody or control. I would like a copy of all emergency events and incidents reported to CPD occurring between January 1, 2018 to present and initiated by gunshot detection technology, ShotSpotter or SoundThinking. Please include the following fields: - OEMC event number
- CPD RD number - date call or event occurred
- date of police arrival - date cleared
- date closed - location of reported emergency (at least a block level address)
- beat where reported emergency occurred - beat assigned
- status of investigation - current IUCR code If possible, I would like the records to be made available as an Excel file. If the data must be separated into separate files or sheets due to the number of records, that's fine.”

Your request was reviewed by CPD and a thorough, diligent search of records was conducted utilizing the provided search parameters. Please note, as permitted by 5 ILCS 140/3(e), the time may have been extended in order to conduct a thorough search for these records. Your request was interpreted as seeking responsive records regarding: several categories of data along a limited time-frame. Please be advised that after a diligent search of CPD databases(s) and collaboration with our Data Fulfillment & Analysis department, responsive records were located pursuant to your request. Be advised that CPD is granting your request. Please see below for a detailed explanation.

Please note that while CPD is granting your request by providing you this responsive data, be advised that these records are in the available format CPD has in their possession in the format utilized during the ordinary course of business. In fact, it has been determined that your request is seeking a highly particularized and specifically tailored record – one that the Chicago Police Department simply may not compile or maintain in entirety or

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with the level of detail or sub-categorization you seek in the ordinary course of business. Thus, in order to fulfill your request as stated, CPD has performed a thorough search of possible responsive data, in the current format and organization CPD maintains in the ordinary course of business.

Thus, should you find that every part of your FOIA request was not responded-to in your desired format, or category, or data-point, or amount of information, be advised that CPD has determined that CPD would have to gather, sort and compile information from disparate sources and locations, which can include off-site and other outside government bodies, in order to provide the very specific information you are asking for; in short, we would have to create an entirely new record, for which CPD is not required to create under the FOIA.

Please note that the FOIA requires the City to provide existing documents, according to Section 5 ILCS 140/3(a) (Each public body shall make available all public records, except as otherwise provided in section 7 of this act). The FOIA does not require the public body to create new records, conduct research, analyze data, interpret, answer questions or advise requesters as to the meaning or significance of public records.

Nevertheless, please be advised that responsive data being provided to you has no redactions.

To the extent that you consider this a denial of your FOIA request, 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
877-299-FOIA (877-299-3642)
Fax: 217-782-1396
Email: public.access@ilag.gov

If I can be of further assistance, you may contact me at (312) 745-5308, or by mail at the following address:

Chicago Police Department
Attn: Freedom of Information Officer
Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114
3510 S. Michigan Ave.
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Sincerely,

R. Carrillo

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