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Public disclosure request

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Tue, Jun 18, 2024 at 8:41 AM

RE: Public Records Request Received 06/17/2024

City of Ferndale, Washington

File Number: PDR 24-0157

Dear Heather Kelly:

This email is to acknowledge and seek clarification of your public records request to the City of Ferndale Police Department ("the Agency") dated 06/17/2024 which was received by the Agency on 06/17/2024. You requested the following:

Under the Washington Public Records Act 42.56 et seq., I am requesting any/all of the following records from the Ferndale Police Department:

1. A list of all vehicle pursuit incidents that your agency was involved in 2019 through 2023, as a line-level data extract from your records management system (RMS), including incident date, report number, and any/all other RMS data fields that are not required to be redacted by law.
2. Policy manuals, rules, regulations for your agency relating to vehicle pursuits, including record-keeping and data collection on pursuits, that were in effect between 2019 and 2023.
3. Summaries of vehicle pursuit data for your agency, such as what may be contained in internal and/or external publications (Annual reports, newsletters, presentations to government officials, etc.) produced between 2019 through 2023.

Pursuant to RCW 42.56.520 we are requiring clarification of your request, specifically the following portion of your request:

1. A list of all vehicle pursuit incidents that your agency was involved in 2019 through 2023, as a line-level data extract from your records management system (RMS), including incident date, report number, and any/all other RMS data fields that are not required to be redacted by law.

I am not familiar with what "A line-level data extract from our RMS" means. Please clarify this portion of your request with a reasonable description of identifiable public records so that we may be able to locate any responsive records if any.

Until we receive clarification of this request, we will be unable to act upon it. If we do not receive clarification on or by 7/1/2024, pursuant to RCW 42.56.530(3)(b), we will not be able to respond and we will consider this portion of your request closed.

In the meantime, we are searching our records to determine the location, nature, and number of records, if any, that may be responsive to your request. If responsive records are found, we estimate that the records responsive to your request will be available on or before 7/5/2024. If records are ready prior to that time, we will notify you. If this time assessment requires adjustment, we will also advise you of that. We may also provide records in installments, if appropriate, and will provide you estimated dates for subsequent installment after the initial installment is issued.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me through email at contact@ferndalepd.org or via mail at 2220 Main St. Ferndale, WA 98248.

Thank you in advance for providing the above requested clarification.

Sincerely,

Debbie Wharton

Support Services Supervisor

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Ferndale PDR.pdf
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Hi Debbie,

Thank you for your question! I am working on a response to clarify what we're seeking. Hopefully, I'll have that to you by tomorrow.

Best,
Heather
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Ferndale PD Contact <contact@ferndalepd.org> Mon, Jun 24, 2024 at 11:23 AM
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Hello Heather,

I wanted to investigate your 1. Question more to see if I could figure out what exactly you could be looking for. (A list of all vehicle pursuit incidents that your agency was involved in 2019 through 2023, as a line-level data extract from your records management system (RMS), including incident date, report number, and any/all other RMS data fields that are not required to be redacted by law.)

I reached out to our RMS company to see if they knew what a line-level data extract was and if so, could they possibly send me instructions on how to perform it.

Below is the response I received:

I suspect a line-level data extract would be something like this:

<i>Incident Date</i>	<i>Report Number</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Offense</i>
2024-06-18	24F00002	123 Main Street	Homicide
2024-06-15	24F00001	345 Scott Ave	Robbery

Longarm has no built-in way of doing that.

Is that what you were referring to in question number 1 of your request? If so, unfortunately our RMS does not have the capability to do that.

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Per your request I was able to put together the below list showing the number of pursuits, the case numbers and incident dates our department was involved in between January 2019 – December 2023.

2019: 4 Vehicle pursuits:

19F03776 – 3/28/2019

19F04694 – 4/19/2019

19F07364 – 6/25/2019

19F13381 – 12/11/2019

2020: 3 Vehicle pursuits:

20F02677 – 3/19/2020

20F05370 – 7/3/2020

20F09484 – 11/15/2020

2021: 0 Vehicle pursuits:

2022: 2 Vehicle pursuits:

22F03713 – 4/19/2022

22F11613 – 12/16/2022

2023: 1 Vehicle pursuits:

23F08140 – 10/17/2023

2. Policy manuals, rules, regulations for your agency relating to vehicle pursuits, including record-keeping and data collection on pursuits, that were in effect between 2019 and 2023.

Please see the nine (9) attached policies. These are all the versions that were produced/updated between 1/2/2019 and 6/13/2024.

3. Summaries of vehicle pursuit data for your agency, such as what may be contained in internal and/or external publications (Annual reports, newsletters, presentations to government officials, etc.) produced between 2019 through 2023.

Please see the five (5) attached department memorandums. These memorandums are what are given to the Chief of Police at the end of each year, documenting vehicle pursuits. I confirmed with Chief Kevin Turner that he uses these memorandums in his annual report.

Although I am waiting for your clarification on question one (1) of your request, I am believe the above breakdown of pursuit information meets your request needs for question one (1).

All responsive records have been produced regarding sections two (2) and three (3) of your requests, therefore those portions are now closed.

If you have questions regarding this request, please let us know by emailing us at contact@ferndalepd.org, or calling 360-384-3390, within 14 days of this notice so that we may follow up with you.

If you wish to go to court and claim that a record was improperly withheld, you must file a claim within one year from today, June 24, 2024. See [RCW 42.56.550\(6\)](#).

Sincerely,

Debbie Wharton

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From: Researchers pnwresearch24@gmail.com

Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 6:03 PM

To: Debbie Wharton DWharton@ferndalepd.org

Subject: Re: Public disclosure request

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi Debbie,














Thank you for your question! I am working on a response to clarify what we're seeking. Hopefully, I'll have that to you by tomorrow.

Best,

Heather

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14 attachments

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-  **722021 policy.pdf**
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-  **7212021 policy.pdf**
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-  **2232022 policy.pdf**
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Mon, Jul 1, 2024 at 4:07 PM

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Dear Heather,

On June 18, 2024, I sent you an email requesting clarification on a portion of the public records request you submitted on June 17, 2024.

On your request line 1. *A list of all vehicle pursuit incidents that your agency was involved in 2019 through 2023, as a line-level data extract from your records management system (RMS), including incident date, report number, and any/all other RMS data fields that are not required to be redacted by law.*

"A line-level data extraction" was unclear, I requested a response from you on or by 7/1/2024.

As it is now the end of the business day for me on 7/1/2024, and I have not received clarification from you, this portion of your request is now closed.

If you wish to go to court and claim that a record was improperly withheld, you must file a claim within one year from today, July 1, 2024. See [RCW 42.56.550\(6\)](#).

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Thu, Jul 25, 2024 at 1:58 PM

Hi Debbie,

My sincere apologies! I left town at the end of June and thought I'd handed this off to someone else to follow up with you. I will go ahead and open a new request referencing this one and answering your question.

Best,
Heather Kelly

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