

P022474-060724 - Police Department Records Request

Message History (15)

← On 2/5/2025 3:20:04 PM, Heather Kelly wrote:

Hello,

Thank you for your reply. I am still trying to understand how the annual report figures are tabulated. Based on what was provided, it looks like the RMS data shows roughly 100 more pursuits per year than are summarized in the annual review. Here's what I see:

2019: 127 pursuits according to data vs. 16 in annual review.

2020: 123 pursuits in data 2020 vs. 29 in annual review

2021: 106 pursuits in data vs. 23 in annual review

2022: 115 pursuits in data vs. 9 in annual review

2023: 108 pursuits in data vs. 18 in annual review

Do you know what accounts for the discrepancy? Is there a way to identify in the RMS the specific incidents that were tabulated in the annual review?

Thank you!

✉ On 1/27/2025 10:53:59 AM, BELLINGHAMWA Support wrote:

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Body:

Good morning,

Thank you for your question. The complete information regarding vehicle pursuit data that we have on file for 2023 is what we provided to you.

There was a change in processing and reporting of pursuit data for 2023 and that is why the reporting is different from previous years.

Best regards,

Records Supervisor
Bellingham Police Department

← On 1/22/2025 2:21:19 PM, Heather Kelly wrote:

Hello,

I am writing to request clarification about the 2023 vehicle pursuit review we received in response to this request. It looks like for all the years except that one, the pursuit review included a bunch of statistics attached to the written memorandum. I've attached the summaries we received from 2022 and 2023 so you can compare. Were statistics provided to support the memorandum in 2023, and if so can we please have them? Thank you!

✉ On 11/5/2024 1:07:06 PM, BELLINGHAMWA Support wrote:

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Body:

Good afternoon.

I can confirm the records that were provided to you are only for vehicle pursuits.

Please feel free to contact us should you have additional questions.

Best regards,

Records Supervisors
Bellingham Police Department

← On 11/5/2024 11:19:08 AM, Heather Kelly wrote:

Hello,

I realize this PDR is closed, but I am seeking clarification about some of the information provided. You previously wrote that you'd done a keyword search for "pursuit" in order to generate the data provided to us. Does that mean the data might include foot pursuits or other incidents that did not involve a vehicle pursuit? If so, is there any way to isolate the data on vehicle pursuits?

Best,
Heather

✉ On 9/30/2024 1:35:01 PM, BELLINGHAMWA Support wrote:

Subject: [Records Center] Police Department Records Request :: P022474-060724

Body:

RE: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST, Reference # P022474-060724.

Dear Heather Kelly,

I am writing in response to the public records request that you submitted for the following public records:

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

- 1) A list of all vehicle pursuit incidents that your agency was involved in from 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, and 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.**

This information is not being sought for commercial purposes. The Washington Public Records Act requires a response to this request be made within five (5) business days. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.”

City staff have reviewed our files and located records responsive to your request. Please log in to [Public Records Center](#) at the following link to retrieve electronic copies of the records*. Records will not be viewable on cell phones, please access on a tablet or computer.

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*Please note that records are removed from the portal 30 days after a request has been completed.

We have reviewed, collected, and redacted (if applicable) all records we believe to be responsive. If any questions about our response, or if you believe there are additional responsive records that were not disclosed, please contact Police Records at dalmer@cob.org (preferred) or call (360)778-8641. Alternatively, you may contact the City's designated Public Records Officer, Sarah Chaplin, at 360.778.8270, within 14 days of this notice so that we may follow up with you. We have completed processing your request, and we will not be providing any additional records to you. Accordingly, our response to your request is now complete. Please note that you may seek judicial review of our response to your public records request within one year from the date of this notice.

Sincerely,
Bellingham Police Records Bureau

✉ On 9/26/2024 6:01:05 PM, BELLINGHAMWA Support wrote:

Subject: [Records Center] Police Department Records Request :: P022474-060724

Body:

RE: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST of June 07, 2024, Reference # P022474-060724.

Dear Heather Kelly,

I am writing [again] in response to your request for the following public records:

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

- 1) A list of all vehicle pursuit incidents that your agency was involved in from 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; DONE.**
- 2) Policy manuals, rules, and regulations for your agency relating to vehicle pursuits, including record-keeping and data collection on pursuits, that were in effect between 2019 and 2023; DONE except for 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. DONE.**

This information is not being sought for commercial purposes. The Washington Public Records Act requires a response to this request be made within five (5) business days. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.”

We previously notified you that the City would be responding to your request in installments. The next installment of records is available for you to review or download. Please log in to the [Public Records Center](#) at the following link to retrieve electronic copies of the records. Records will not be viewable on cell phones, please access on a tablet or computer.

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We continue to process your request for policy manual information for year 2023 and anticipate that the next installment of records will be available on or before 11/26/2024.

If you have any questions about our response, please reach out to Police Records at dalmer@cob.org (preferred) or call (360)778-8641.

Sincerely,

✉ On 9/26/2024 3:01:38 PM, BELLINGHAMWA Support wrote:

Subject: [Records Center] Police Department Records Request :: P022474-060724

Body:

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The second installment of records is available for you to review or download. Please log in to the [Public Records Center](#) at the following link to retrieve electronic copies of the records. Records will not be viewable on cell phones, please access on a tablet or computer.

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We continue to process your request and anticipate that the next installment of records, (Policy Manual for 2023 and 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.)

We anticipate the next installment of the requested records will be available on or before **11/26/2024**.

If you have any questions about our response, please reach out to Police Records at dalmer@cob.org (preferred) or call (360)778-8641.

Sincerely,

Records Supervisor
Bellingham Police Department

✉ On 8/26/2024 3:14:02 PM, BELLINGHAMWA Support wrote:

Subject: [Records Center] Police Department Records Request :: P022474-060724

Body:

Good afternoon,

Please find attached to your GOV.QA account a list of our reports the include the word "Pursuit" in the narrative in response to your request for records under point 1.

We are continuing to work on the summaries you have listed in point 3 of your request and will need more time to assemble the responsive records. For this reason, we expect to have your responsive records ready on or before September 27, 2024.

Best regards,

Records Bureau

✉ On 8/5/2024 8:15:13 PM, BELLINGHAMWA Support wrote:

Subject: [Records Center] Police Department Records Request :: P022474-060724

Body:

RE: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST of June 07, 2024, Reference # P022474-060724

Dear Heather Kelly,

The Bellingham Police Department received a public records request from you on June 07, 2024. You requested the following public records:

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

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This information is not being sought for commercial purposes. The Washington Public Records Act requires a response to this request be made within five (5) business days. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records."

We had previously anticipated having your records available for release on or before this week. However, due to staffing issues we are unable to meet that timeline.

We now reasonably anticipate having records available on or before 8/27/24.

Should we have records available prior to that date we will provide them as we are able. Conversely, should we need to extend our reasonable time estimate we will let you know as soon as possible.

You may contact the City's designated Public Records Officer, Sarah Chaplin, at 360.778.8276, if you have any questions about this request.

Sincerely,
Bellingham Police Records Division

✉ On 7/3/2024 6:47:03 PM, BELLINGHAMWA Support wrote:

Subject: [Records Center] Police Department Records Request :: P022474-060724

Body:

RE: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST of June 07, 2024, Reference # P022474-060724

Dear Heather Kelly,

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We had previously anticipated having your records available for release on or before this week. However, due to staffing issues we are unable to meet that timeline.

We now reasonably anticipate having records available on or before August 5, 2024.

Should we have records available prior to that date we will provide them as we are able. Conversely, should we need to extend our reasonable time estimate we will let you know as soon as possible.

You may contact the City's designated Public Records Officer, Sarah Chaplin, at 360.778.8276, if you have any questions about this request.

Sincerely,
Bellingham Police Records Division

✉ On 6/10/2024 3:06:01 PM, BELLINGHAMWA Support wrote:

Subject: [Records Center] Police Department Records Request :: P022474-060724

Body:

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This information is not being sought for commercial purposes. The Washington Public Records Act requires a response to this request be made within five (5) business days. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records."

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your request and to provide a reasonable estimate of the time the City will need to respond to it.

The first installment of records is available for you to review or download. These records answer the second point of your request.

Please log in to the [Public Records Center](#) at the following link to retrieve electronic copies of the records.

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We continue to process your request and anticipate that the next installment of records will be available on or before June 27, 2024.

If you have any questions about our response please reach out to the City's Designated Public Records Officer, Sarah Chaplin, at 360.778.8270.

Sincerely,

Bellingham Police Records Division

✉ On 6/10/2024 2:28:00 AM, BELLINGHAMWA Support wrote:

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Body:

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I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your request and to provide a reasonable estimate of the time the City will need to respond to it. The City needs additional time to locate and assemble the records requested and to determine whether any of the requested records are exempt and that a denial should be made as to all or part of the request. For these reasons, I estimate that the City will need approximately 12 weeks in order to respond to your request.

Please note that the police department may also exercise its right to provide the responsive records in installments as they become available.

You may contact the City's designated Public Records Officer, Sarah Chaplin, at 360.778.8276, if you have any questions about this request.

Sincerely,

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Bellingham Police Records Division

✉ On 6/7/2024 4:17:30 PM, BELLINGHAMWA Support wrote:



Dear Heather Kelly:

Please note that while staff continue to provide the fullest assistance to all requestors, our response times may be delayed due to staffing shortages across the city as a result of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic. Your patience is very much appreciated.

Thank you for your interest in public records of Bellingham Police Department. Your request has been received and is being processed in accordance with the State of Washington Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW. Your request was received in this office on 6/7/2024 and given the reference number P022474-060724 for tracking purposes.

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

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Not all public documents are available in electronic format. If the document(s) requested are not available electronically, we will make them available for inspection or by paper copy in accordance with the Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW.

Your request will be forwarded to the relevant department(s) to locate the information you seek and to determine the volume and any costs associated with satisfying your request. You will be contacted about the availability and/or provided with copies of the records in question. PLEASE NOTE: The State of Washington Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW, does not require a governmental body to create new information, to do legal research, or to answer questions.

You can monitor the progress of your request at the link below and you'll receive an email when your request has been completed. Again, thank you for using the Public Records Center.

Bellingham Police Department

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [Public Records Center](#)



On 6/7/2024 4:17:30 PM, Heather Kelly wrote:

Request Created on Public Portal