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**RE: Follow-up PDR - Email 1 of 2**

1 message

**Debbie Wharton** <DWharton@ferndalepd.org>  
To: Researchers <pnwresearch24@gmail.com>  
Cc: Ferndale PD Contact <contact@ferndalepd.org>

Sun, Oct 6, 2024 at 7:02 PM

RE: Public Records Request Received 9/19/2024

City of Ferndale, Washington

File Number: PDR 24-0245

Good evening, Heather,

It looks like email 3 of 3 which contained the reports from 2022 and 2023 failed due to the size.

I have attached year 2022 to this email and will send 2023 in a separate email hoping they will all come through. This is now email 1 of 2.

I apologize I had missed that failure.

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**From:** Researchers <[pnwresearch24@gmail.com](mailto:pnwresearch24@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 02, 2024 2:43 PM  
**To:** Debbie Wharton <[DWharton@ferndalepd.org](mailto:DWharton@ferndalepd.org)>  
**Cc:** Ferndale PD Contact <[contact@ferndalepd.org](mailto:contact@ferndalepd.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Follow-up PDR

**EXTERNAL EMAIL**

Hi Debbie!

Thanks so much for your assistance. I received 12 attachments, but you said I should receive 10 so went back and double checked and it looks like you provided the memoranda and the incident reports from 2019 and 2020, but not the reports from 2022 and 2023. Would it be possible to get those, please? Thanks!

Best,

Heather

On Thu, Sep 26, 2024 at 12:41 PM Debbie Wharton <[DWharton@ferndalepd.org](mailto:DWharton@ferndalepd.org)> wrote:

RE: Public Records Request Received 9/19/2024  
City of Ferndale, Washington  
File Number: PDR 24-0245

This email is email two (2) of three (3).

Is now closed for the following reason:

- All responsive records have been produced and are attached.

If you have questions regarding this request, please let us know by emailing us at [contact@ferndalepd.org](mailto: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 or redacted, you must file a claim within one year from today, September 26, 2024. See [RCW 42.56.550\(6\)](#).

Sincerely,

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**From:** Ferndale PD Contact

**Sent:** Thursday, September 26, 2024 12:39 PM

**To:** Ferndale PD Contact <[contact@ferndalepd.org](mailto:contact@ferndalepd.org)>; Researchers <[pnwresearch24@gmail.com](mailto:pnwresearch24@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Follow-up PDR

RE: Public Records Request Received 9/19/2024

City of Ferndale, Washington

File Number: PDR 24-0245

Good afternoon, Heather Kelly,

I have attempted to email you the responsive records to your request but have received a rejection email. I am going to attempt to send the 10 attachments in 3 separate emails hoping they will be successfully delivered. This email will be email one (1) of three (3).

Your public records request that was received by the City of Ferndale Police Department on 9/19/2024, for the following:

"Hello,

I am writing to follow up on my public records request from earlier this year (PDR24-0157), requesting various records related to vehicle pursuits in your jurisdiction. You provided several files, including annual pursuit reviews from 2019-2024. Some of those memoranda refer to various attachments. I am now writing to request those attachments

Thank you for your assistance!

Best,

Heather Kelly"

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**From:** Ferndale PD Contact <[contact@ferndalepd.org](mailto:contact@ferndalepd.org)>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 19, 2024 2:00 PM

**To:** Researchers <[pnwresearch24@gmail.com](mailto:pnwresearch24@gmail.com)>; Ferndale PD Contact <[contact@ferndalepd.org](mailto:contact@ferndalepd.org)>

**Subject:** RE: Follow-up PDR

RE: Public Records Request Received 9/19/2024

City of Ferndale, Washington

File Number: PDR 24-0245

Dear Heather Kelly:

Your request has been assigned the above-referenced file number and we ask that you please reference that number in any future correspondence regarding your request.

Your public records request was received by the City of Ferndale Police Department on 09/19/2024, for the following:

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Thank you for your assistance!

Best,

Heather Kelly”

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 10/1/2024. 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.

**\*\* Case numbers listed on each memorandum \*\***

**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

Please contact me through email at [contact@ferndalepd.org](mailto:contact@ferndalepd.org) or via mail at Ferndale Police Department, 2220 Main St. Ferndale, WA 98248 if you have any questions. Thank you for allowing us to assist you.

Thank you,

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**From:** Researchers <[pnwresearch24@gmail.com](mailto:pnwresearch24@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 19, 2024 10:29 AM  
**To:** Ferndale PD Contact <[contact@ferndalepd.org](mailto:contact@ferndalepd.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Follow-up PDR

**EXTERNAL EMAIL**

Hi Debbie,

My mistake! I sent the wrong attachment. This is a second PDR asking for additional documents referred to in the Memoranda as "attachments".

Best,

Heather

On Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 8:16 AM Ferndale PD Contact <[contact@ferndalepd.org](mailto:contact@ferndalepd.org)> wrote:

RE: Public Records Request Received 06/17/2024  
City of Ferndale, Washington  
File Number: PDR 24-0244

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 9/18/2024. 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.

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 the information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

This request appears to be a duplicate request that you had sent to us on 6/17/2024, that request was received under file number PDR24-0157.

On 6/18/2024 I had emailed you requesting clarification on line 1 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 had requested to receive clarification for line 1 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. – I did not receive clarification for this item; therefore, I responded to the best of my understanding and closed your request of item 1 on 7/1/2024.

On 6/24/2024, I sent another email with the following information:

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>
<i>2024-06-18</i>	<i>24F00002</i>	<i>123 Main Street</i>	<i>Homicide</i>
<i>2024-06-15</i>	<i>24F00001</i>	<i>345 Scott Ave</i>	<i>Robbery</i>

*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.

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.

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

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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.

Regarding your follow-up request File Number PDR 24-0244:

I have attached all the same documents that were attached to my response to your original request which was sent on 6/24/2024. This request included the two public records requests forms you have submitted.

I believe I have produced all the required documentation to fulfill your request. All responsive records have been produced; therefore, your request is now closed.

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

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 4:04 PM  
**To:** Ferndale PD Contact <[contact@ferndalepd.org](mailto:contact@ferndalepd.org)>  
**Subject:** Follow-up PDR

**EXTERNAL EMAIL**

Hi Debbie,

Please find attached a request for public records.

Thank you!

Best,

Heather Kelly

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**2 attachments**



**22F03713 Redacted.pdf**  
14573K



**22F11613 Redacted.pdf**  
10594K