

P522438-091119 - Non-Commercial Police FOIA Request

Message History (27)

← On 11/7/2019 12:08:02 PM, Sarah Ryley wrote:

TO: "Chicago Public Safety"[chicagops@mycusthelp.net]

Great, thank you, that is very helpful.

On Nov 7, 2019, at 12:44 PM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

✉ On 11/7/2019 11:44:23 AM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

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Body:

Hi Sarah,

Yes, CPD_Sworn_Employees_Redacted is a more current production than P058155_-_Kiefer. They do include some historical information of sworn personnel who had resigned/retired/left the Department. A couple things to note, these other spreadsheets were processed by a different unit, the Research and Analysis Division, who no longer review, analyze, and process such data for FOIA requests. In addition, the historical data that was previously produced does not capture all 183+ years' worth of CPD personnel in all its history; it was simply the compilation of the sworn personnel information that we had in our existing databases at the time of production.

The data for your FOIA request was reviewed, analyzed, and processed by the Data Fulfillment and Analysis Section, which is a relatively new unit within the Information Services Division. To confirm, the data spreadsheet (with your name in it) contains current (at the time of the search) information from active sworn personnel whereas the others contain some personnel who are no longer with the Department, which is why some have resignation dates listed.

I hope that answered your questions. If not, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

A. Marlan
CPD FOIA Officer

← On 11/7/2019 9:55:11 AM, Sarah Ryley wrote:

TO: "Chicago Public Safety"[chicagops@mycusthelp.net]

Hi Officer Marlan,

Thank you for the explanation. Just a few questions so I'm clear on what I'm getting:

Is this spreadsheet: CPD_Sworn_Employees_Redacted.xlsx Just a newer version of this spreadsheet: P058155_-_Kiefer.xlsx

Do those two spreadsheets include every sworn officer who has ever been with the department?

And does the spreadsheet with my name on it (14426_P522438_Ryley_Current_Sworn_Info_Redacted.xlsx) only include current sworn officers, whereas those other two includes sworn officers who are no longer with the department?

Thank you!

Sarah Ryley

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On Nov 7, 2019, at 10:44 AM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

✉ On 11/7/2019 9:44:21 AM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

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Body:

Hi Sarah,

In regard to your follow up inquiry and in consultation with the Department's DFA Unit, the unit of assignment (e.g. Detective - Area North) is tracked and maintained electronically. The subsection (e.g. HGS, Property, etc.) within a unit is not tracked; therefore, CPD does not possess any existing responsive data to this portion of your request.

Thank you,

A. Marlan

CPD FOIA Officer

← On 11/6/2019 7:40:12 PM, Sarah Ryley wrote:

TO: "Chicago Public Safety"[chicagops@mycusthelp.net]

Hi,

Thank you for sending this data. It's not totally clear to me how all of these spreadsheets are different. But it seems like they're all missing one key field from my request that I didn't see in my denial:

Unit assignment (ex: HGS (Homicide, Gangs, Sex) of the Area 1 Detective Bureau)

I would still like to have that field, and I believe it's public under FOIA.

Thank you,

Sarah Ryley

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On Nov 6, 2019, at 2:49 PM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

Attachments:

14426_P522438_Ryley_Current_Sworn_Info_Redacted.xlsx

2019_PAC_60196;_FOIA_P522438_Notice_of_Response_to_Narrowed_FOIA_Request.pdf

FOIA_P052262_-_11221-FOIA-P052262-AllSwornEmployeesWithUOA.xlsx

P058155_-_Kiefer.xlsx

CPD_Sworn_Employees_Redacted.xlsx

✉ On 11/6/2019 1:49:16 PM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

Subject: Non-Commercial Police FOIA Request :: P522438-091119

Body:

Good afternoon Sarah,

Please see the attached records in response to your FOIA request.

Thank you,

A. Marlan

CPD FOIA Officer

← On 10/16/2019 12:33:10 PM, Sarah Ryley wrote:

TO: "Chicago Public Safety"[chicagops@mycusthelp.net]

Hi Officer Marlan,

I just want to give you the heads up that I filed a request for assistance from the AG's office on three FOIAs that I made to CPD that I haven't received yet, including this request. I noted in my email that you have been very responsive. It's just that my deadline is nearing, and if the requests are past deadline, I need to take all available steps to ensure that I get what I need for my stories.

With that said, please let me know if you have an update. Just to recap, I had narrowed my request to only a few fields on current officer assignment, and the original copies of the data that CPD provided the Invisible Institute (just so I can be sure that I'm using an unmodified copy).

Many thanks,

Sarah Ryley347-324-8697

On Oct 9, 2019, at 2:44 PM, Sarah Ryley wrote:

Thank you for the update!

Sarah Ryley347-324-8697

On Oct 9, 2019, at 2:42 PM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

← On 10/9/2019 1:47:09 PM, Sarah Ryley wrote:

TO: "Chicago Public Safety"[chicagops@mycusthelp.net]

Thank you for the update!

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On Oct 9, 2019, at 2:42 PM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

✉ On 10/9/2019 1:42:22 PM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

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Body:

Hi Sarah,

I am still waiting on this, but have followed up with the individuals processing your request.

A. Marlan

CPD FOIA Officer

↩ On 10/9/2019 11:00:49 AM, Sarah Ryley wrote:

TO: "Chicago Public Safety"[chicagops@mycusthelp.net]

Hi,

I'm writing to follow up on this request. Can I expect to receive the data today?

Thank you,

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On Oct 2, 2019, at 5:58 PM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

✉ On 10/2/2019 4:58:25 PM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

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Body:

Hi Sarah,

There is need for consultation, which shall be concluded with all practicable speed, with another public body or among two or more components of a public body having a substantial interest in the determination or in the subject matter of the request. It is therefore necessary to extend the time for response by five business days to October 9, 2019, as permitted by 5 ILCS 140/3(e).

Thank you,

A. Marlan

CPD FOIA Officer

↩ On 10/1/2019 11:31:59 AM, Sarah Ryley wrote:


TO: "Chicago Public Safety"[chicagops@mycusthelp.net]

Hi Officer Marlan,

By reference number, you're referring to the Invisible Institute data, correct?

I've attached the three FOIA response letters that they've posted on their website. I hope that helps!

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 On 10/1/2019 8:59:39 AM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:


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Body:

Hi Sarah,

What FOIA file reference number are you referring to?

A. Marlan
CPD FOIA Officer

 On 9/30/2019 10:01:07 AM, Sarah Ryley wrote:

TO: "Chicago Public Safety"[chicagops@mycusthelp.net]

Hi Officer Marlan,

I should have asked last week — is there any way you can just send me an exact copy of the data that CPD sent the Invisible Institute (attached in my original FOIA) in order to satisfy the portion of my request that asks for historical staffing data?

Then the narrowed request that I sent last week would satisfy the portion of my request that asks for current staffing data.

I try to avoid using third-party data whenever possible, just so I can be absolutely sure there were no alterations made to data before it was posted.

Thank you,

Sarah Ryley347-324-8697

On Sep 27, 2019, at 1:34 PM, Sarah Ryley wrote:

Thank you, you too!Sarah

On Sep 27, 2019, at 1:33 PM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

← On 9/27/2019 12:36:32 PM, Sarah Ryley wrote:

TO: "Chicago Public Safety"[chicagops@mycusthelp.net]
Thank you, you too!Sarah

On Sep 27, 2019, at 1:33 PM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

✉ On 9/27/2019 12:33:53 PM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

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Body:

Hi Sarah,

Thank you for narrowing your FOIA request further. I am communicating your latest revision to DFA. Unfortunately, I am unable to provide an accurate estimated time frame since I have to rely on an outside unit to process the request. However, I would imagine it should be much quicker to process given your narrowed parameters.

Thank you and have a good weekend,

A. Marlan
CPD FOIA Officer

← On 9/27/2019 12:27:13 PM, Sarah Ryley wrote:

TO: "Chicago Public Safety"[chicagops@mycusthelp.net]

And I should add, if the year of assignment is going to slow things down, I can give that up too, but I need all of the rest of the information. Thanks!

Sarah Ryley

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On Sep 27, 2019, at 1:22 PM, Sarah Ryley wrote:

Hi Officer Marlan,

Thank you for chatting with me. As discussed, I am happy to narrow my request to only include the information listed below, since identifying details about the employee are not necessary for my analysis.

The current assignment of all sworn Chicago PD employees, with one row per employee. If the data has more than one row per employee, please include some type of unique identifier for the employee, such as an employee ID or a randomized employee ID, so I can make sure they are counted accurately. Year appointed Employee position code and employee description (ex: 9161, Police Officer) CDP unit code and unit description (ex: Unit 44, Recruit Training Section) Unit assignment (ex: HGS (Homicide, Gangs, Sex) of the Area 1 Detective Bureau)

I hope this helps! If you could please give me a time estimate, I would really appreciate it. Ideally, I was hoping to get the data within the next few days.

Many thanks,

Sarah Ryley

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On Sep 27, 2019, at 12:45 PM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

🔙 On 9/27/2019 12:24:02 PM, Sarah Ryley wrote:

TO: "Chicago Public Safety"[chicagops@mycusthelp.net]

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On Sep 27, 2019, at 12:45 PM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

← On 9/27/2019 11:59:51 AM, Sarah Ryley wrote:

TO: "Chicago Public Safety"[chicagops@mycusthelp.net]

Hi A. Marlan,

You can redact the names of the officers, but I still need a unique identifier like an employee ID or a randomized employee ID that differentiates between individual officers so I can be sure I am counting them correctly (in case there are multiple rows in the dataset for the same officer).

My main interest is the specific role, section and unit assignment of each officer, since my analysis focuses on staffing. Identifying details about the officer are not essential, so I will be happy to forgo them if that will speed up the process.

It's difficult for me to say whether the June 2016 data would work instead without seeing the data. There are often very specific fields that are necessary for an analysis, so if their data is missing any one of those fields, it wouldn't work.

Please keep the process moving on my request. But if you want to send me the June 2019 data, I will take a look and tell you if it would work. I thought all FOIAs were ultimately posted online, but I couldn't find them.

Thank you,


Sarah Ryley

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On Sep 27, 2019, at 12:45 PM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

 On 9/27/2019 11:45:35 AM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

Subject: Non-Commercial Police FOIA Request :: P522438-091119

Body:

Hi Sarah,

CPD received your narrowed FOIA request 25 September 2019 and it has been forwarded to the Department's DFA Section for review. Following the processing, linking, compiling, and verifying of data, this will also need to go through a thorough legal review process to ensure that the identities of Undercover Officers are not included. CPD does not have any automated mechanism by which to remove Undercover Officers from the front end of our search. Please note that this narrowed FOIA request is treated as a new FOIA request and as such, resets the time frame to respond.

If you would rather have this information as quickly as possible, I do have a similar query that was provided for another FOIA request in June 2019. If you would rather opt for this record, the information will be current as of June 2019.

Thank you,

A. Marlan
CPD FOIA Officer

← On 9/27/2019 11:02:25 AM, Sarah Ryley wrote:

TO: "Chicago Public Safety"[chicagops@mycusthelp.net]

Hi,

Just following up. When can I expect the current staffing data that you said you could produce in your response?

Sarah Ryley

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On Sep 25, 2019, at 4:52 PM, Sarah Ryley wrote:

Hi,

Thank you for your response.

As suggested in your response, could you please run my request for just the current (not historical) sworn employees?

Sarah Ryley

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On Sep 25, 2019, at 4:48 PM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

Attachments:

P522438_Notice_of_Response_to_FOIA_Request.pdf

↩ On 9/25/2019 3:53:25 PM, Sarah Ryley wrote:

TO: "Chicago Public Safety"[chicagops@mycusthelp.net]

Hi,

Thank you for your response.

As suggested in your response, could you please run my request for just the current (not historical) sworn employees?

Sarah Ryley

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On Sep 25, 2019, at 4:48 PM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

Attachments:

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✉ On 9/25/2019 3:48:07 PM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

Subject: Non-Commercial Police FOIA Request :: P522438-091119

Body:

Dear Sarah Ryley,

Please see the attached document in response to your FOIA request.

Thank you,

CPD FOIA Unit


↩ On 9/17/2019 1:35:48 PM, Sarah Ryley wrote:

TO: "Chicago Public Safety"[chicagops@mycusthelp.net]

Thank you for your response. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sarah RyleyInvestigative + Data ReporterThe Trace | 347-324-8697

On Sep 17, 2019, at 2:33 PM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

 On 9/17/2019 1:33:02 PM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

Subject: Non-Commercial Police FOIA Request :: P522438-091119


Body:

Dear Sarah Ryley,

There is need for consultation, which shall be concluded with all practicable speed, with another public body or among two or more components of a public body having a substantial interest in the determination or in the subject matter of the request. It is therefore necessary to extend the time for response by five business days to September 25, 2019, as permitted by 5 ILCS 140/3(e).

Thank you,

CPD FOIA Unit

 On 9/11/2019 3:58:33 AM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

Dear Sarah:

Thank you for your interest in information from the Chicago Police Department. Your FOIA request has been received and is being processed. Your FOIA Center reference number for tracking purposes is: **P522438-091119**

You have requested the following records: ***Under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting an updated version of the data provided to the Invisible Institute on sworn officer assignment, from the earliest date available through the date that the data export is generated.***

I would prefer the data in .csv or Excel format, or another standard data export format.

If available in the Chicago Police Department's database, I would like the data to also include the section assignment. For example, if the detective is assigned to the Violent Crime Section, Property Crimes Section, Special Victims Section, or Case Management Section.

I would also like the definitions for any fields, codes or acronyms used in the dataset that are not easily ascertainable. For example, if the unit names that correspond to the unit codes are not already in the data export, I would like documentation that gives the names for each unit codes. Oftentimes, these code tables are exportable from the database. If so, I would like the code tables in .csv or Excel format.

I would like the data to include one row per officer assignment, so if an officer has had three assignments, there would be three rows for that officer, one for each assignment.

Please include the following fields, which are based on the data provided to the Invisible Institute:

- LAST_NME**
- FIRST_NME**
- MIDDLE_INITIAL**
- SEX_CODE_CD**
- RACE**
- DOBYEAR**
- CURRAGE** - Current Age
- STATUS_I** - Active/Inactive
- APPOINTED_DATE** - Date employee was appointed to CPD
- EFFECTIVE_DATE** - Date of unit assignment
- END_DATE** - End date of unit assignment
- EMPLOYEE_POSITION_CD**
- DESCR** - Description of Employee Position
- CPD_UNIT_ASSIGNED_NO**
- UNITDESCR** - Description of Unit
- Section Assignment** (this is not in the Invisible Institute data)
- RESIGNATION_DATE**
- STAR1**
- STAR2**
- STAR3**
- STAR4**
- STAR5**
- STAR6**
- STAR7**
- STAR8**
- STAR9**
- STAR10**

For reference, a copy of the data and code tables provided to the Invisible Institute, as posted on its [GitHub](#) page, is attached.

If one or more of the fields I requested above is not available in the Chicago Police Department's database(s), please notify me via email and I will modify my request.

I would like to receive this information in digital spreadsheet format, such as a .csv or Excel, which I am entitled to under 5 ILCS 140/6(a). (When a person requests a copy of a record maintained in an electronic format, the public body shall furnish it in the electronic format specified by the requester, if feasible.)

As a member of the media reporting on matters in the public interest, I am requesting a fee waiver and an expediting of my request. Since I am requesting records in their original electronic format whenever possible, I expect the costs, if any, to be limited.

The Freedom of Information Act Each requires a written request to this request within five business days (See 5 ILCS 140/3(d)). If access to the records I am requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please provide an emailed statement with the reason and the approximate date when such request will be granted or denied.

If you redact any fields in the database, please cite the specific fields and the exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information.

I am requesting that communication regarding this request be conducted via email, and that the request be filled via email, which I am entitled to under the law.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Sarah Ryley

Reporter, The Trace


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Chicago Police Department (CPD) responds to all public records requests in accordance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq. If further time is needed to assemble and copy all documents responsive to your FOIA request, we will contact you with a time estimate and a request to extend.

You can monitor the progress of your request at the link below and you'll receive an email when your request has been completed. Thank you for using the Chicago FOIA Center.

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [Chicago Public Safety Record System](#).

 On 9/11/2019 3:58:32 AM, Chicago Public Safety wrote:

Request was created by staff