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Via Email:

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**Re: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO NARROWED FOIA REQUEST
FOIA FILE NO.: 2019 PAC 60196; P522438**

Dear Sarah Ryley:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received September 27, 2019 for the following:

"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."

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned in collaboration with the Department's Data Fulfillment and Analysis Section of the Strategic Data Analytics Division and Bureau of Organized Crime. CPD is providing you with the responsive data.

Please be advised that names and identifying information of Undercover Officers have been redacted

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from the enclosed responsive record pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(d)(vi), which protects information that would:

- (vi) endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel or any other person;

It is imperative that the identity of Undercover Officers is kept confidential to maintain public safety as these Undercover Officers are assigned to investigations that promote public safety. Release of this sensitive information would immediately compromise the identities of Undercover Officers who operate in covert operations. If criminals learn the identities of Undercover Officers who were involved in investigations against them, Officer safety could be compromised. Release could endanger the life and physical safety of the Undercover Officers and their families. If their identities were to be made public, there could be a high motivation for criminals to retaliate against the Undercover Officers subject of the information. With the online technology publicly available for anyone to use, criminals can easily ascertain where any identified person lives and who their family members are. For those Officers working in an undercover capacity, protecting their identity from disclosure is necessary for them to carry out their job responsibilities safely.

Additionally, the release of sensitive information would allow criminals the opportunity to learn the identities of all Undercover Officers, which would immediately jeopardize current and future undercover operations that promote public safety. Therefore, the names of Undercover Officers were properly redacted pursuant to 7(1)(d)(vi).

Please be advised that Officers assigned to the Mayor's Detail have been redacted pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(v). Section 7(1)(v) protects from disclosure the following:

Vulnerability assessments, security measures, and response policies or plans that are designed to identify, prevent, or respond to potential attacks upon a community's population or systems, facilities, or installations, the destruction or contamination of which would constitute a clear and present danger to the health or safety of the community, but only to the extent that disclosure could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the effectiveness of the measures or the safety of the personnel who implement them or the public. Information exempt under this item may include such things as details pertaining to the mobilization or deployment of personnel or equipment, to the operation of communication systems or protocols, or to tactical operations.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at the following address:

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Attention: Freedom of Information
Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114
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You have a right of review by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor, who can be contacted at 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706 or by telephone at 877-299-3642. You may also seek judicial review under 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,

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