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OR2010-05200

Dear Ms. Villarreal:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 376095 (LGL-10-6104).

The Waco Police Department (the "department") received a request for information relating to a traffic accident. You inform us that some of the requested information either has been or will be released. You claim that some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the information you submitted.

Section 552.101 of Government Code excepts from disclosure "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision." Gov't Code § 552.101. This exception encompasses information that other statutes make confidential. Chapter 772 of the Health and Safety Code authorizes the development of local emergency communication districts. Sections 772.118, 772.218, and 772.318 of the Health and Safety Code are applicable to emergency 911 districts established in accordance with chapter 772. See Open Records Decision No. 649 (1996). These sections make the originating telephone numbers and addresses of 911 callers furnished by a service supplier confidential. *Id.* at 2. Section 772.118 applies to an emergency communication district for a county with a population of more than two million. Section 772.218 applies to an emergency communication district for a county with a population of more than 860,000.

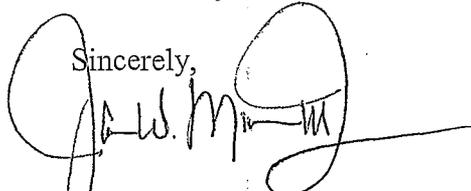
Section 772.318 applies to an emergency communication district for a county with a population of more than 20,000.

The department seeks to withhold a 911 caller's telephone number, which you have marked, under section 772.318. We have marked what appears to be the 911 caller's address. We understand that the City of Waco is part of an emergency communication district established under section 772.318. You do not inform us, however, whether the 911 caller's telephone number and address were furnished by a service supplier. Accordingly, we rule in the alternative. Thus, if the marked telephone number and address were furnished by a 911 service supplier, then they must be withheld from disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 772.318 of the Health and Safety Code. But if they were not furnished by a service supplier, then the telephone number and address may not be withheld under section 552.101 on the basis of section 772.318 and must be released.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at [http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index\\_orl.php](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index_orl.php), or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act must be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.W. Morris, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J" and "M".

James W. Morris, III  
Assistant Attorney General  
Open Records Division

JWM/cc

Ref: ID# 376095

Enc: Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)