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OR2011-03518

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# 416236 (LGL-11-233).

The Waco Police Department (the "department") received a request for information related to a specified motor vehicle accident. You indicate that some responsive information has been provided to the requestor. You claim that the marked portions of the submitted information are excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101 and 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.101 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision." Gov't Code § 552.101. Section 552.101 encompasses information made confidential by other statutes. You contend that the information you have marked in the submitted CAD record is excepted from disclosure under section 552.101 in conjunction with section 772.318 of the Health and Safety Code. Chapter 772 of the Health and Safety Code relates to local emergency communications districts. Section 772.318 applies to an emergency 9-1-1 district established in accordance with chapter 772, and makes confidential the originating telephone numbers and addresses of 9-1-1 callers that are furnished by a service supplier. *See* Open Records Decision No. 649 (1996). We understand the City of Waco to be part of an emergency communication district that was established under section 772.318.¹ You have marked a telephone number and address that the department seeks to withhold under section 772.318. Thus, we find that to the extent the telephone number and address you have

¹Section 772.318 applies to an emergency communication district for a county with a population of more than 20,000.

marked are the originating telephone number and address supplied by a 9-1-1 service supplier, this information must be withheld under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 772.318 of the Health and Safety Code. However, to the extent the marked information was not supplied by a 9-1-1 service supplier, section 772.318 is not applicable to this information, and it must be released to the requestor.

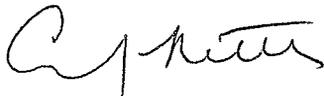
You claim that some of the remaining information is excepted under section 552.130 of the Government Code, which provides that information relating to a motor vehicle title or registration issued by a Texas agency is excepted from public release. Gov't Code § 552.130(a)(2). Accordingly, the department must withhold the Texas license plate number you marked under section 552.130.

In summary, to the extent the telephone number and address you have marked are the originating telephone number and address supplied by a 9-1-1 service supplier, the department must withhold this information under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 772.318 of the Health and Safety Code. The department must withhold the Texas license plate number you marked under section 552.130 of the Government Code.² The remaining information 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, 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,



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²We note this office issued Open Records Decision No. 684 (2009), a previous determination to all governmental bodies authorizing them to withhold ten categories of information, including Texas license plate numbers under section 552.130 of the Government Code, without the necessity of requesting an attorney general decision.

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)