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Ms. Michelle L. Villarreal
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OR2011-07334

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# 424044 (LGL-11-600).

The City of Waco (the "city") received a request for information related to a specified automobile accident. You indicate that some responsive information will be released to the requestor. You claim that some of the submitted information is 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. Chapter 772 of the Health and Safety Code authorizes the development of local emergency communications districts. Sections 772.118, 772.218, and 772.318 of the Health and Safety Code are applicable to emergency 9-1-1 districts established in accordance with chapter 772. *See* Open Records Decision No. 649 (1996). These sections make only the originating telephone numbers and addresses of 9-1-1 callers that are furnished by a service supplier confidential. *Id.* at 2. Section 772.318 applies to an emergency communication

district for a county with a population of more than 20,000. We understand the city to be part of an emergency communication district established under section 772.318.

You have marked a telephone number and address that the city seeks to withhold under section 772.318. To the extent the telephone number and address you have marked are the originating telephone number and address provided 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 telephone number and address were not supplied by a 9-1-1 service supplier, section 772.318 is not applicable, and this information may not be withheld under this exception.

You have marked information in the remaining records that you claim is subject to section 552.130 of the Government Code. Section 552.130 provides that information relating to a motor vehicle operator's license, driver's license, motor vehicle title, or registration issued by a Texas agency is excepted from public release. Gov't Code § 552.130(a)(1), (2). Because this exception protects personal privacy, the requestor has a right of access to his client's Texas motor vehicle record information under section 552.023 of the Government Code. *See id.* § 552.023(a); Open Records Decision No. 481 at 4 (1987) (privacy theories not implicated when individual requests information concerning himself). Therefore, except for the information we have marked for release, the city must withhold the information you have marked in the remaining records under section 552.130 of the Government Code.

Accordingly, to the extent the telephone number and address you have marked are the originating telephone number and address provided 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. Except for the information we have marked for release, the city must withhold the information you have marked in the remaining records under section 552.130 of the Government Code. The remaining information must be released.¹

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

¹We note that the information being released in this instance contains confidential information to which the requestor has a right of access. *See* Gov't Code § 552.023(a).

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 cursive script, appearing to read "Cindy Nettles".

Cindy Nettles
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)