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Dear Ms. Brooks:

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# 506389 (ORR# 12917).

The Midland Police Department (the "department") received a request for two specified incident reports. You state the department has released some of the requested information. You claim 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 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, such as chapter 772 of the Health and Safety Code, which authorizes the development of local emergency communication districts. Section 772.318 of the Health and Safety Code applies to an emergency communication district for a county with a population of more than 20,000 and makes confidential the originating telephone numbers and addresses of 9-1-1 callers that are furnished by a 9-1-1 service supplier. *See* Open Records Decision No. 649 (1996). You indicate the City of Midland is part of an emergency communication district that is subject to section 772.318 of the Health and Safety Code. You state the telephone numbers and addresses in the submitted information consist of the originating telephone numbers and addresses furnished by a 9-1-1 service supplier. Accordingly, the

department must withhold the originating telephone number furnished by a 9-1-1 service supplier, which we have marked, under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 772.318 of the Health and Safety Code. We note, however, the corresponding address is the address of a cellular telephone antenna and is not the originating address of a 9-1-1 caller. Accordingly, this information is not made confidential by section 772.318 and may not be withheld under section 552.101 of the Government Code on that basis. Therefore, the department must release the remaining submitted information.

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.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open_orl_ruling_info.shtml, 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 may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)