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Ms. Laura Godette  
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Tinley Park Police Department  
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RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 9033  
Requester: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Godette:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Tinley Park Police Department (Department) of its intent to deny disclosure of dates of birth as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/1(c).

Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying “[p]ersonal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information.” 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). The exemption defines “[u]nwarranted invasion of personal privacy” as “the disclosure of information that is highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person and in which the subject’s right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information. The disclosure of information that bears on the public duties of public employees and officials shall not be considered an invasion of personal privacy.” *Id.*

**Determinations**

The Department’s use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to dates of birth is **approved**. This information is highly personal, and the subject’s right to privacy with respect to this information outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining it. Thus, disclosure of dates of birth would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of the subject of the information. 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c).

Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (312) 793-0865. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.