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Chief Allen Stoffregen
Sauk Village Fire Department
1804 East 222nd Street
Sauk Village, Illinois 60411

RE: Pre-Authorization Request 2011-PAC 13329

Dear Chief Stoffregen:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Sauk Village Fire Department of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information as exempt from disclosure under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*

Specifically, on March 29, 2011, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request to the Department, seeking the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of every home the fire Department visited from February 1, 2011, to present. In its written notice, the Department asserts that the requested information is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c)) which 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." The exemption defines "unwarranted 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." *Id.*

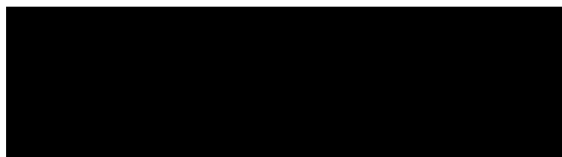
Determination

The Department's use of the Section 7(1)(c) exemption with regards to the names of individuals in every home the fire department visited is **approved**. We have determined that release of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy for those individuals. This type of information is highly personal by its very nature and the release would be objectionable to a reasonable person. Accordingly, the Department has met its burden of demonstrating that this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-5383. This letter shall serve to close this matter.

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Sincerely,



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