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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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City of Park Ridge
Julie Nistler, FOIA Officer
200 South Vine Avenue
Park Ridge, IL 60068-6000

Re: Pre-authorization request – 2010 PAC 11244

Dear Ms. Nistler:

We have received the Park Ridge Police Department's (Department) notice of intention to deny disclosure of certain information requested under the Freedom of Information Act. 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended. [REDACTED] requested copies of Report Nos. 23028 and 23603 and copies of the 911 tapes connected to those reports. The Department asserted that the birth dates of individuals listed in the reports are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c)).

Information in public records is exempt if disclosure would "constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). An "[u]nwarranted invasion of personal privacy" is 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 request for pre-approval to redact birth dates pursuant to Section 7(1)(c) is **approved**. Birth dates are a highly personal form of information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. A subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in the disclosure of his or her date of birth.


The Department intends to redact additional information from the reports pursuant to Section 7(1)(b) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b)) and Section 7(1)(d)(vii) (5 ILCS/7(1)(d)(vii)); the Department also intends to withhold the 911 tapes pursuant to Section 7(1)(d)(vii). We have not analyzed the

assertion of those exemptions; the assertion of those exemptions by the Department is not contingent upon receiving pre-approval from our office.

This letter shall serve to close this file. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-6756 or ssilverman@atg.state.il.us.

Sincerely,

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