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P.O. Matthew Sandoval #12963
Freedom of Information Officer
Chicago Police Department
Records Inquiry Section, Unit 163
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RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 9933
Requester: Mick Dumke, Chicago News Cooperative

Dear Officer Sandoval:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Chicago Police Department of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f).

On August 23, 2010, Mr. Mick Dumke requested a copy of “the final report or assessment of Chicago Police Department operations conducted by A. T. Kearney and Civic Consulting Alliance.” The Department’s written notice dated September 28, 2010 asserts that the responsive document is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f)), which exempts from inspection and copying “[p]reliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body.”

Determination

We have determined that the Department’s use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(f) with regard to this document is approved. This document was created at the Department’s request for its use in formulating policies and actions, and it contains recommendations. The Department asserts that this report has never been publicly cited or identified by the Superintendent. Thus, the Department has met its initial burden of showing that the document is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f).

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Should you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (312) 814-2086. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Public Access Counselor

cc: Mick Dumke
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