



March 15, 2019

VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Arielle Lobl
[REDACTED]

RE: 19-FOIA-067 Train Incident 12/20/2013

Dear Ms. Lobl:

We are in receipt of your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* (“FOIA”).

I. Background

On March 7, 2019, we received your request for a report regarding a train incident involving you on December 20, 2013 (“Request”). Your Request is granted in part and denied in part.

II. Responsive Document

In response to your Request, Metra’s Police Department is providing you with a copy of report #MP-13-032844, dated December 20, 2013 (“Responsive Document”).

Metra’s Police Department does not maintain records of outside agencies. You may contact the Buffalo Grove Police Department to request records associated with its case #13-14529, at the following website:

<https://www.vbg.org/your-government/open-government/submit-a-freedom-of-information-act-request> and the Lake County Sheriff’s Office for records associated with its case #13-16295 at: <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/1893/Freedom-of-Information-Act-FOIA-Request>.

III. Partial Denial

While FOIA requires public bodies to provide access to public records generally, FOIA also authorizes units of government to withhold certain information. Therefore, Attorney Keith Pardonnet has determined that the employee identification numbers and personal phone number of the parties mentioned in the Responsive Document are redacted because they are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA, which exempts “private information.” “Private information” means unique identifiers, including a person’s social security number, driver’s license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, and personal email addresses. 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5).

IV. Right of Review

You have the right to have the partial denial of your Request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (“PAC”) of the Illinois Attorney General’s Office. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

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Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this partial denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this partial denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your partial denial by filing a lawsuit in the circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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