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RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST
FOIA FILE NO.: P580020

Dear Ms. Siska :

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received on May 4, 2020 for the following:

"For the years of 1990-2019, records sufficient to show the following:

- 1.Total number of Districts within the Chicago Police Department by year*
 - 2.Total number of Beats in the Chicago Police Department by year*
 - 3.Total number of CAPS Beat Meetings held by the Chicago Police Department by year*
 - 4.Total number of CAPS Beat Meetings held for each beat, by year*
 - 5.Total attendance at CAPS Beat Meetings by year*
 - 6.Total attendance at CAPS Beat Meetings per Beat, by year*
 - 7.Total number of youths who participated in a school-based program, by year*
 - 8.Total number of citizens who participated in a volunteer-led block club activity, by year*
 - 9.A list of all types or categories of records currently under Your control relating in any way to the Search, as provided in 5 ILCS 140/5.*
 - 10.A description of the manner in which public records stored by means of electronic data processing may be obtained from You (in a form comprehensible to persons lacking knowledge of computer language or printout format), as provided in 5 ILCS 140/5.*
 - 11.Records sufficient to show Your efforts to locate and produce the records requested in FOIAs 1-10 above.*
- This should include:*

- A. Where you searched for responsive Records and Documents.*
- B. Who searched for responsive Records and Documents.*
- C. Who was requested to produce responsive Records and Documents.*
- D. The identity of any Records and Documents that were located but not produced for any reason.*

DEFINITIONS

"Any," "all," "any/all," "any or all," "any and all," "and," "or," and "and/or" are always to be interpreted inclusively to the greatest extent legally permitted.

"Document" and/or "Documents" means any documents or electronically stored information of any kind—

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including writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, video recordings, sound recordings, images, databases, and other data or data compilations—stored in any medium from which information can be obtained either directly or, if necessary, after translation by the responding party into a reasonably usable form.

“District” means the defined geographic space within the City of Chicago that is overseen by a commander, their staff, and assigned officers. Currently the Chicago Police Department has 22 districts including 1-12, 14-20, 22, 24, 25. We use this term in the same manner as the Chicago Police Department.

“CAPS” means Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy, or community policing strategies generally, and should be interpreted inclusively to encompass all such policies.

“Beat Meeting” means regular (often monthly) meetings, held on all the beats in the city, where police and community residents meet to exchange information about conditions in the neighborhood, identify crime and disorder problems, and develop strategies to combat those problems

“Beats” means defined geographic spaces within each Chicago Police District. We use this term in the same manner as the Chicago Police Department.

“You” or “Your” means the Chicago Police Department, and any or all attorneys, employees, officers, directors, bureaus, offices, agents, divisions or subdivisions of same.”

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned and forwarded a request to CPD's Information Services Division for responsive records. Enclosed are the responsive records for your request.

1. Total number of Districts within the Chicago Police Department by year.

Part 1 of your request has responsive records in full for years 1990-2019.

2. Total number of Beats in the Chicago Police Department by year

Part 2 of your request has responsive records in full from 2000-2019. After conferring with Information Services Division, CPD located no responsive records for years 1990-2000.

3. Total number of CAPS Beat Meetings held by the Chicago Police Department by year

Part 3 of your request has responsive records in full from 2006-2019. After conferring with Information Services Division, CPD located no responsive records from 1990-2005.

4. Total number of CAPS Beat Meetings held for each beat, by year

5. Total attendance at CAPS Beat Meetings by year

6. Total attendance at CAPS Beat Meetings per Beat, by year

Part 4, 5 and 6 of your request has responsive records in full from 2006-2019. After conferring with Information Services Division, CPD located no responsive records from 1990-2005.

7. Total number of youths who participated in a school-based program, by year

8. Total number of citizens who participated in a volunteer-led block club activity, by year

Parts 7 and 8, after conferring with Information Services Division, CPD located no responsive records.

9. A list of all types or categories of records currently under Your control relating in any way to the Search, as provided in 5 ILCS 140/5.

Part 9 of your request for categories searched, please see attached file labeled "Forms Retention Schedule."

10. A description of the manner in which public records stored by means of electronic data processing may be obtained from You (in a form comprehensible to persons lacking knowledge of computer language or printout format), as provided in 5 ILCS 140/5.

Part 10 of your request is located at the following link: <https://home.chicagopolice.org/statistics-data/data-requests/>

11. Records sufficient to show Your efforts to locate and produce the records requested in FOIAs 1-10 above. This should include:

- A. Where you searched for responsive Records and Documents.
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- C. Who was requested to produce responsive Records and Documents.
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It is determined that you seek answers to the above question. Please note, that FOIA requires the City to provide documents, according to section 5ILCS140/3(a) (Each public body shall make available all public records, except as otherwise provided in section 7 of this act). FOIA does not require the public body to create new records, conduct research, analyze data, interpret, answer questions or advise requesters as to the meaning or significance of public records. The Court, in **Kenyon v. Garrels, 184 ILL. App. 3rd 28(4th Dist. 1989)** noted that FOIA does not compel the agency to provide answers to questions posed by the inquirer.

Nevertheless, CPD is providing you with the following information. The undersigned submitted a request to CPD's Information Services Division to obtain responsive records for this FOIA request. In addition, CPD did not withhold any records that were responsive to your request.

If you wish to resubmit a new request, please specify the public records you are seeking. If CPD retains those records, we are happy to provide them to you, if possible, within the parameters of the FOIA guidelines.

This information is being provided with this letter pursuant to 5 ILCS 140 of the Freedom of Information Act. You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, (877) 299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court.

Please feel free to contact me at any time. I can be reached at 312-745-5308.

Sincerely,

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