

## OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL STATE OF ILLINOIS

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December 1, 2016

Via electronic mail Mr. Kirk Allen PO Box 593 Kansas, Illinois 61933 kirk@illinoisleaks.com

RE: FOIA Request for Review – 2016 PAC 44873

Dear Mr. Allen:

The Public Access Bureau has received the enclosed response to your Request for Review from the Edgar County Emergency Telephone System Board (Board).

You may, but are not required to, reply in writing to the public body's response. If you choose to reply, you must submit your reply to this office within 7 working days of your receipt of this letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(d) (West 2014). Please send a copy of your reply to the Board as well.

If you have questions about this matter, please contact me at (217) 785-7438.

Very truly yours,

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CHRISTOPHER R. BOGGS Assistant Attorney General Public Access Bureau

## Enclosure

cc: Via electronic mail

Ms. Nanette Crippes, Director

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RE: FOIA Request for Review – 2016 PAC 44873

Dear Mr. Boggs:

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I received your letter in regards to a Request for Review from Kirk Allen. He was requesting records from the ETSB regarding an incident that took place on September 5, 2016. As I stated, we do not possess any records in regards to this incident. There was an incident on this date, but there was no 9-1-1 call, time sheet, or radio traffic over our 9-1-1 channel in regards to this incident. I listened to recordings of all 9-1-1 calls from that date and looked through all my dispatch forms from that date, no 9-1-1 records exist. This was an Edgar County Sheriff Department matter, not a 9-1-1 matter. As Kirk Allen stated, we are separate public bodies. He will need to direct his request for any records of this incident to the Edgar County Sheriff Department. There is an Eventide recorder at the Sheriff Department which records all phone lines and radio channels. 9-1-1 is housed in the Sheriff Department in Edgar County. 9-1-1 owns and maintains the recorder; however both the ECSD and 9-1-1 have their own phone lines and radio channels that are recorded on this one recorder. We have an agreement/policy as to who has the authority to release recordings on the recorder based on what lines or channels those recordings are on. I have included a copy of that agreement. I, as 9-1-1 Director, have no authority over the Sheriff's phone lines or his radio channel nor does he over ours.

As far as the timeliness of our initial response, the 5 day time frame was not ignored as he suggested, but it is a fact that I was out of the office on vacation. I am the only employee of the ETSB. The Board does not have a back-up FOIA officer. I did put an away message on my email stating that I was away and when I would return; I also had a message on my answering machine in my office. I am entitled to vacation days per my contract and we do the best we can with this situation. I am never gone for more than a week or ten days. I responded to the request the day I returned, which was a 7 day response rather than 5, and in this case I had no records to provide to the request.

Please contact me at (217) 465-9115 if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely, Manette Crippes

Nanette Crippes, Edgar County 9-1-1 Director

The Edgar County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) is the owner of an Eventide recording system. The recorder is in the Edgar County Sheriff Department (ECSD). The recorder is used by the ETSB and the ECSD to record phone lines, radio channels, and the intercom. The ETSB has four 9-1-1 lines and one radio channel on the recorder. The ECSD has four phone lines, one radio channel, and one intercom line on the recorder. The 9-1-1 Director has full authority over the ETSB's recorded lines. The Sheriff has full authority over the ECSD's recorded lines. The 9-1-1 Director has no authority to give out recordings of the Sheriff's channels without his consent or by his directive.

Sheriff Jeff Wood

Nanette Crippes, 9-1-1 Director

