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Angel Taveras, Mayor

August 14, 2012

Hillary Davis
RI ACLU
128 Dorrance Street, Suite 220
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Public Records Request

Dear Ms. Davis:

This office is in receipt of your July 30, 2012 letter addressed to Colonel Hugh Clements, Jr. of the Providence Police Department seeking information relative to automatic license plate readers (ALPRs). Specifically, you requested nine (9) different items which will be addressed accordingly.

1. There are no documented policies, practices or procedures for the use, storing or accessing and/or sharing of data and therefore, the Police Department does not have any records responsive to this request.
2. There were no funds used or exchanged to purchase the ALPR technology and therefore the Police Department does not have any records responsive to this request.
3. The Police Department maintains three (3) instruction manuals related to the loading of system software onto machines that will use the system. However, these manuals are unable to be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means to a third party without the prior consent of the copyright holder. As such, these records are exempt pursuant to Rhode Island General Law 38-2-2(5)(i)(B)(E) and (S). No other documents exist responsive to this request.
4. There are no existing records regarding the number of ALPR units acquired, the number of vehicles equipped with ALPRs, or any stationary deployments.
5. There are no existing records regarding the types of data obtain through use of the ALPRs or the storage of such data.
6. There currently are no access rights and therefore no records addressing access to ALPR data by departmental employees, etc. exist.

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7. There are no third parties with access to such data and therefore no records related to sharing of ALPR data with third parties exist.
8. The Department does not have access to ALPR data from third parties and therefore the Police Department does not have any records responsive to this request.
9. The training received was verbal in nature and there were no written materials provided. As such, the Police Department does not have any records responsive to this request.

Under R.I.G.L. § 38-2-8, you have several remedies available should you disagree with our denial. First, you may file a review petition with the chief administrative officer. In this instance, Commissioner Steven Pare, fulfills that role. If Commissioner Pare concurs with the Law Department's position, you may file a complaint with the Department of the Attorney General. You may also file an action for injunctive or declaratory relief in Providence County Superior Court.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Amy L. Crane".

Amy L. Crane
Assistant City Solicitor

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