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SENT VIA EMAIL

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This letter is in response to your December 23, 2025, request for the following:

1. The number of license plates scanned with Flock Safety automated license plate readers over the last 30 days
2. The names of the hot lists/watch lists used with Flock Safety automated license plate readers
3. The names of all the agencies with which data is shared with through the Flock Safety automated license plate reader system
4. The names of all the agencies from which data is received through the Flock Safety automated license plate reader system
5. All agreements with local homeowner associations or private business or individuals for access to Flock Safety systems
6. All contracts, MOUs, or other agreements with Flock Safety
7. All procurement documents related to Flock Safety

The attached records are provided in response to Requests #6 & 7.

The Department of Administration has no responsive records for Requests #1, 3, 4, & 5.

We note that the Wisconsin Public Records Law “does not require an authority to provide requested information if no record exists, or to simply answer questions about a topic of interest to the requester.” *Journal Times v. City of Racine Bd. of Police and Fire Comm’rs*, 2015 WI 56, ¶ 55, 362 Wis. 2d 577, 866 N.W.2d 563; *see also State ex rel. Zinngrabe v. Sch. Dist. of Sevastopol*, 146 Wis. 2d 629, 431 N.W.2d 734 (Ct. App. 1988). Furthermore, the public records law “does not require an authority to create a new record by extracting information from existing records and compiling the information in a new format.” Wis. Stat. § 19.35(1)(L). *See also George v. Record Custodian*, 169 Wis. 2d 573, 579, 485 N.W.2d 460 (Ct. App. 1992).

Regarding Request #2, pursuant to the Wis. Stat. § 19.35(1)(a) balancing test, we are withholding records because we have determined that releasing this would threaten the integrity of future law enforcement investigations and would significantly impair the ability of law enforcement to effectively investigate criminal activity and respond to threats. These records contain information that is actively being used to secure the Capitol, state facilities, and state officials and employees.

The responsive records would also include information from the National Crime Information Center, which can only be shared with authorized law enforcement entities and individuals. There is a public interest in honoring the confidential conditions under which this information was provided to Wisconsin State Capitol Police, and in cooperating with providers of such systems, to encourage current and future joint law enforcement efforts. There is also a strong public interest in protecting the ability of law enforcement to gather and share information confidentially when conducting investigations. Violating that confidentiality could have a chilling effect on future complainants' or witnesses' willingness to cooperate with authorities.

If released, the records you requested could be used to thwart law enforcement and endanger public safety. We therefore determined that the public interest in ensuring public safety and in protecting the ability of law enforcement to effectively investigate or prevent criminal activity outweigh any public interest in disclosure. *Cf.* Wis. Stat. § 19.31; *Linzmeier v. Forcey*, 2002 WI 84, ¶¶ 30, 32, 39, 41, 254 Wis. 2d 306, 646 N.W.2d 811; *Democratic Party of Wis. v. Wis. Dep't of Justice*, 2016 WI 100, ¶¶ 13, 18, 21, 372 Wis. 2d 460, 888 N.W.2d 584

Moreover, to the extent the requested information and records are collected and maintained in connection with ongoing investigations, we are also denying your Request #2 on these grounds, pursuant to the Wis. Stat. § 19.35(1)(a) balancing test. Release of this information while the investigation is ongoing could compromise the ability of officers to investigate criminal activity. Therefore, we conclude that the strong public interest in protecting the integrity of investigations outweighs the public interest in release of the information or records at this time. *See Democratic Party of Wisconsin v. Wisconsin Dep't of Justice*, 2016 WI 100, ¶ 12, 372 Wis. 2d 460, 472, 888 N.W.2d 584 (information collected during investigation is not open to the public when disclosure would be harmful to the orderly administration of justice).

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.35(4)(b), we must inform you that if this response constitutes a full or partial written denial of a public records request that was made in writing, the determination is subject to review by mandamus under Wis. Stat. § 19.37, or upon application to the Attorney General or a District Attorney.

Sincerely,

Division of Legal Services