

January 14, 2019

Dan Bauman
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RE: Boundary lines for university/college LEA jurisdiction

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Dan Bauman:

This is to acknowledge that Parkland College District No. 505 is in receipt of your *Freedom of Information Act* (FOIA) request dated January 8, 2019 received in my office at 3:39 p.m. on January 8, 2019 via electronic mail. As the Vice President for Communications and External Affairs, I am responsible for processing requests for public information for the College, pursuant to *the Illinois Freedom of Information Act*, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq. In your e-mail, you requested that the College make available the following records:

Initial request:

“Pursuant to the state open records act, I request:

1a. A GIS, KLM, shapefile or other digital geographical record that reflects the jurisdiction boundaries in which the law enforcement agency affiliated with (the) Parkland College has the ability to engage in law enforcement activities such as traffic stops.

1b. If such a digital geographical record is not available, a visual record similarly reflecting said jurisdiction boundaries will suffice. For instance: a photo of a map of your municipality or county, placed on a PDF page, with clearly displayed boundary lines present on the map photo reflecting where the LEA affiliated with the requested institution of higher education can engage in law enforcement activities such as traffic stops.

1c. If such a visual record is not available, I request this public body provide me a description of where the above mentioned jurisdiction boundary lines lie - boundary lines reflecting where the LEA affiliated with the requested institution of higher education can engage in law enforcement activities such as traffic stops. If such a description can only be provided via the provision of a tangible record (rather than abstract information), I request you provide me such a record in whatever manner is most cost-effective to me, be it one page or a multi-paged file.

* I request you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

* If possible, I request that these records be provided in an electronic format via email or digital download (via Dropbox, for example). If that is not possible, please provide them to me via mail with a CD-ROM. Please send all requested items via email to dan.bauman@chornicle.com.

* If there will be a cost for processing this request greater than \$10, please contact me in advance. I would like an itemized list of the request costs, including the number of hours expected to produce the file and the hourly rate of the employee who would be doing the work.”

Parkland College’s Response:

Parkland College, located in Champaign, IL, serves parts of the following 12 counties in the state of Illinois including Coles, Champaign, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Moultrie, McLean, Piatt, and Vermilion counties.

Pursuant to the Illinois Public Community College Act, 110 ILCS 805/3-42.1(b), Parkland College public safety officers have jurisdiction not just within the community college boundaries, but across each of the 12 counties served by the college.

“(b) Members of the community college district police department or department of public safety who are law enforcement officers, as defined in the Illinois Police Training Act, shall be peace officers under the laws of this State. As such, law enforcement officer members of these departments shall have all of the powers of police officers in cities and sheriffs in counties, including the power to make arrests on view or on warrants for violations of State statutes and to enforce county or city ordinances in all counties that lie within the community college district, when such is required for the protection of community college personnel, students, property, or interests. Such officers shall have no power to serve and execute civil process.”

The college does not have an editable map that is directly responsive to your request. However, a map of the community college district boundaries is available on the college website at the following link:

<https://www.parkland.edu/portals/3/Users/049/49/49/residency-map.gif>

As the Vice President for Communications and External Affairs, I am responsible for granting and denying the requests for records under the *Freedom of Information Act*. Please be aware that this response to your request is pursuant to my understanding of your FOIA request. If I have misunderstood your request, please let me know as soon as possible so I may provide the correct information.

Finally, if you believe that this response constitutes a denial of your request, you have the right to have this response reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

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

You also have the right to seek judicial review of this response by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor or State court, you will need to include a copy of this letter for the review.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Stephanie L. Stuart
Vice President for Communications and External Affairs

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