

March 7, 2023

Mariska Harshbarger

RE: FOIA Request

Dear Ms. Harshbarger:

This is to acknowledge that Parkland College District No. 505 is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received February 28, 2023, for an electronic copy of the "Emergency Operations Plan whose contents are carried out by the Crisis Management Team during the event of an emergency."

I have attached a copy of the college's Basic Emergency Operations plan that is responsive to your request. The complete Emergency Operations Plan is being withheld and is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(v), which includes the following:

"Vulnerability assessments, security measures, and response policies or plans that are designed to identify, prevent, or respond to potential attacks upon a community's population or systems, facilities, or installations, the destruction or contamination of which would constitute a clear and present danger to the health or safety of the community, but only to the extent that disclosure could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the effectiveness of the measures or the safety of the personnel who implement them or the public. Information exempt under this item may include such things as details pertaining to the mobilization or deployment of personnel or equipment, to the operation of communication systems or protocols, or to tactical operations."

As 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 62701
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: public.access@ilag.gov

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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