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Sent: 5/17/2018 9:36:45 AM
To: Patrick Conant <patrick@prcapps.com>
Cc: Maggie Burleson <mburleson@ashevillenc.gov>,Scott Barnwell <sbarnwell@ashevillenc.gov>
Subject: Re: [#108524] Use of Force Data

Hi Patrick,Â

The request is taking long to process because of a misunderstanding on my end.Â Shortly after receiving this request I was informed by the ITS department that they are working on this information in collaboration with APD and legal to make publicly available data-set.Â I transmitted this information to Sunshine Request on March 15, stating that I would send once available.Â

Thank you for recently clarifying that the request is directed for APD records, and should be handled separately than the data-set.Â Since this clarification, the request has been forwarded to a APD Crime Analyst for review.Â As the interim Public Records Officer, it is my duty to help track and coordinate request as they come in, the custodian department(s) are responsible for compiling the requested records- I am not always in the loop as they work through this process; however, I am happy to follow-up as needed. I have forwarded this follow-up request to the records custodian for more information.Â

Thank you,Â
SarahÂ

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On Wed, May 16, 2018 at 6:02 PM, Patrick Conant <patrick@prcapps.com> wrote:

> Hi Sarah,
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> I wanted to follow up on my request for the status of Use of Force Data from Sunshine Request.
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> http://www.sunshinerequest.com/records_request/public-records-related-2017-use-force-incidents/
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> At this point, I would appreciate any information on where this request is in the process, and why it is taking so long for the request to be fulfilled.Â
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> I absolutelyÂ understand that public records requests take time, but since this data has already been confirmed to be public record, I am concerned that this request is being arbitrarily delayed for one reason or another.Â
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> Thank you,
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> Patrick Conant
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On Fri, 11 May at 4:26 PM , Sarah Terwilliger <sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:
I better understand now- thank you.Â This request is being treated separate from the data set and we will coordinate with APD for any records that currently exist and are responsive to this request.Â

Have a great weekend,Â
SarahÂ

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On Fri, May 11, 2018 at 3:08 PM, Patrick Conant <patrick@prcapps.com> wrote:
Hi Sarah,

Please tell Ben we wish him the best of luck on his next adventure - we are very appreciative of his efforts with our many requests! Will you be checking the opengov email address?Â

Regarding the Use of Force data - thank you for following up with staff.Â

I simply would like more details on what pieces of the process have occurred, and what still remains to be done. For example, has an APD analysts been asked to pull the Use of Force data? Has that analyst pulled the data, or is time scheduled for that to occur?Â

If that data has been pulled, can it be provided to fulfill the request? If not, what steps remain - are there reviews by City legal or APD leadership that need to happen?Â

I'm surprised that APD and IT would both need to be involved to fulfill this request. I understand that those departments were working togetherÂ to consider how this information could be provided as an open data feed, but I do want to be clear that this public records request is a completely separate item.Â

Sunshine Request allows anyone in the community to submit a request for information anonymously - I don't know who submitted that request, so I just want to be sure that it's not being held up due to the fact that Use of Force data is also included in Code for Asheville's proposal that I am leading.Â

Thank you,

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On Fri, 11 May at 2:21 PM , Sarah Terwilliger <sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:
Me again,Â

I also wanted to reach out and let you know that Ben Fulmer has taken another position and is no longer the Public Records Officer with the City; I knowÂ you have worked with him on many requests.Â

In the interim, I will be facilitating requests as we search for a new PRO.Â Please feel free to reach out to me directly if follow-up is needed, and thank you for your understanding and patience as we work through this transition!Â

Please let me know if you should have any questions, or if I can be of any assistance.Â

Thanks, and have a great weekend!
SarahÂ

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On Fri, May 11, 2018 at 1:58 PM, Sarah Terwilliger <sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Patrick,Â

It is my understanding that the ITS and Police Department are collaborating to compile this information to be shared.Â I do not know the specifics, but I have inquired with the appropriate staff and hope to receive more information.Â

Thank you,Â
SarahÂ
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On Fri, May 11, 2018 at 1:16 PM, Patrick Conant <patrick@prcapps.com> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

I wanted to reach out to you regarding this Sunshine Request:

http://www.sunshinerequest.com/records_request/public-records-related-2017-use-force-incidents/

This request was submitted on March 1st, 2017, and City Staff have confirmed that data we are requesting are public records. However, over two months later, we still have not received the information requested.Â

I would greatly appreciate additional information on the process that is occurring behind the scenes to produce this data. I wouldn't think it would take several weeks to pull the data itself, so I'm just wondering why it is taking the City so long to fulfill this request?Â

Thank you,

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