October 25, 2011

Ms. Michelle L. Villarreal  
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Dear Ms. Villarreal:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the “Act”), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 438786 (LGL 11-1346).

The City of Waco (the “city”) received a request for information pertaining to a specified call for service report. You indicate some information has been released to the requestor. You claim some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.101 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure “information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision.” Gov’t Code § 552.101. Section 552.101 encompasses information made confidential by other statutes. You contend portions of the submitted information are excepted from disclosure under section 552.101 in conjunction with section 772.318 of the Health and Safety Code. Chapter 772 of the Health and Safety Code relates to local emergency communications districts. Section 772.318 applies to an emergency 9-1-1 district established in accordance with chapter 772, and makes confidential the originating telephone numbers and addresses of 9-1-1 callers that are furnished by a service supplier. See Open Records Decision No. 649 (1996). Section 772.318 applies to an emergency communication district for a county with a population of more than 20,000. You state the city is part of an emergency communication district established under chapter 772. You seek to withhold a telephone number and address under section 772.318. Thus, we find to the extent the marked telephone number and address are the originating telephone number and address supplied by a 9-1-1 service supplier, the
city must withhold this information under section 552.101 in conjunction with section 772.318. However, to the extent the marked information was not supplied by a 9-1-1 service supplier, section 772.318 is not applicable to this information, and it must be released to the requestor.

After due consideration, we have decided to grant a previous determination permitting the city to withhold the originating telephone numbers and addresses of 9-1-1 callers provided by a 9-1-1 service supplier under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 772.318 of the Health and Safety Code. See Gov’t Code § 552.301(a) (allowing governmental body to withhold information subject to previous determination); Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001). Therefore, this letter ruling shall serve as a previous determination under section 552.301(a) that the city must withhold under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 772.318 of the Health and Safety Code the originating telephone number and address of a 9-1-1 caller furnished to the city by a service supplier established in accordance with chapter 772 of the Health and Safety Code. So long as the elements of law, fact, and circumstances do not change so as to no longer support the findings set forth above, the city need not ask for a decision from this office again with respect to this type of information. See ORD 673 at 7.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index_orl.php, or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act must be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)