



January 5, 2015

Ms. Heather Silver  
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OR2015-00030

Dear Ms. Silver:

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# 548694.

The City of Dallas (the "city") received a request for (1) a copy of all calls for service made by Ambulance 37 and Fire Station 37 for a specified time period and (2) the names of all "fire/Paramedic/trainees" on staff at Fire Station 37 for a specified time period.<sup>1</sup> You state the city will release some of the requested information. You claim portions of the submitted information are 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 other statutes make confidential, such as section 81.046(b) of the Health and Safety Code, which provides as follows:

(b) Reports, records, and information relating to cases or suspected cases of diseases or health conditions are not public information under [the Act], and

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<sup>1</sup>The submitted information demonstrates the requestor amended his initial request for information. See Gov't Code § 552.222(b) (stating if information requested is unclear to governmental body or if large amount of information has been requested, governmental body may ask requestor to clarify or narrow request, but may not inquire into purpose for which information will be used); *City of Dallas v. Abbott*, 304 S.W.3d 380 (Tex. 2010) (holding when governmental entity, acting in good faith, requests clarification of unclear or overbroad request for public information, ten-business-day period to request attorney general opinion is measured from date request is clarified or narrowed).

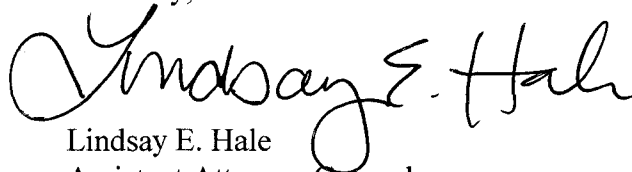
may not be released or made public on subpoena or otherwise except as provided by Subsections (c), (d), and (f).

Health & Safety Code § 81.046(b). You explain the information you have marked identifies individuals who may have come into contact with an individual who was subsequently diagnosed with the Ebola virus disease. Thus, we find the marked information relates to cases or suspected cases of Ebola and section 81.046 governs the release of the information at issue. We understand none of the release provisions of section 81.046 are applicable. Accordingly, we determine the city must withhold the information you have marked under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 81.046(b) of the Health and Safety Code.<sup>2</sup> As no exceptions are raised for the remaining information, the city must release it to the requestor.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

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.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl\\_ruling\\_info.shtml](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml), 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 may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)

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<sup>2</sup>As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your arguments against disclosure.