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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Lieutenant Ricardo Gonzalez
Laredo Police Department
4712 Maher Avenue
Laredo, Texas 78041

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Dear Lt. Gonzalez:

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# 702765 (Reference No. W008813-011818).

The Laredo Police Department (the "department") received a request for "records that show the phone numbers of persons who called to report" a specified motor vehicle accident. You claim 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 "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision." *Id.* § 552.101. Section 552.101 encompasses chapter 772 of the Health and Safety Code, which authorizes the development of local emergency communication districts. Section 772.318 of the Health and Safety Code applies to an emergency communication district for a county with a population of more than 20,000 and makes confidential the originating telephone numbers and addresses of 9-1-1 callers that are furnished by a 9-1-1 service supplier. *See* Open Records Decision No. 649 (1996). If the department is part of an emergency communication district that is subject to section 772.318 of the Health and Safety Code, and the information at issue consists of the originating telephone numbers of 9-1-1 callers furnished by a 9-1-1 service supplier, the department must withhold the originating telephone numbers in Exhibit B under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 772.318 of the Health and Safety Code. However, you may not withhold the originating telephone numbers

if the department is not part of an emergency communication district or if the information does not consist of originating telephone numbers of 9-1-1 callers furnished by a 9-1-1 service supplier.

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, 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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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)