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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Ms. Brittany Croce
Open Records
Williamson County Sheriff's Office
508 South Rock Street
Georgetown, Texas 78626

OR2022-14869

Dear Ms. Croce:

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# 949446.

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for body worn camera recordings, 9-1-1 calls, and police reports related to incidents involving the requestor during a certain date range. You claim the submitted information is subject to a previous ruling from our office. Alternatively, you also claim some of the submitted information was not properly requested pursuant to section 1701.661(a) of the Occupations Code, and the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101, 552.108, 552.117, and 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered your arguments and reviewed the submitted information.

As noted above, you state, and we agree, the submitted information was the subject of a previous request for information, in response to which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2022-05577 (2022). In that ruling, we determined: (1) as the requestor did not properly request the body worn camera recordings at issue pursuant to chapter 1701 of the Occupations Code, our ruling does not reach this information and it need not be released; and (2) the sheriff's office must continue to rely on Open Records Letter Nos. 2021-28140 (2021) and 2021-34608 (2021) as previous determinations and withhold or release the information at issue in accordance with those rulings. You state the law, facts, and circumstances on which the prior ruling was based have not changed. Therefore, the sheriff's office must continue to rely on Open Records Letter No. 2022-05577 as a previous determination and withhold or release the submitted information in accordance with that

ruling.¹ See Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (so long as law, facts, and circumstances on which prior ruling was based have not changed, first type of previous determination exists where requested information is precisely same information as was addressed in prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes that information is or is not excepted from disclosure).

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 <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/members-public/what-expect-after-ruling-issued> or call the OAG's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Public Information Act may be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the OAG, 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)

¹ As we are able to make this determination, we need not address your remaining arguments against disclosure of the submitted information.