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Ms. Vanessa Hoopingarner
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OR2022-25571

Dear Ms. Hoopingarner:

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# 967727 (Reference No. W010687).

The North Richland Hills Police Department (the "department") received a request for a specified incident report. 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. This section encompasses information made confidential by 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). You state the department is part of an emergency communication district that is subject to section 772.318 of the Health and Safety Code and marked the information you seek to withhold. We conclude the department must withhold the information you marked under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 772.318 of the Health and Safety Code if it consists of an originating telephone number of a 9-1-1 caller that was furnished by a 9-1-1 service supplier. If the information you marked does not consist of an originating telephone number that was provided by a 9-1-1 service supplier, then the

department may not withhold the information you marked under section 552.101 on that basis. The department must release the remaining information.

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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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)