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OR99-0224

Dear Ms. Hall:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 121542.

The City of Dallas Police Department received a request for "records associated with a 911 call placed by a named individual from a specified address "between the hours of 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM . . . on September 30, 1998" and "records of calls for service associated with" the same specified address "from January 1, 1998 through October 22, 1998." You submit a representative sample of information you say is responsive to the request.<sup>1</sup> You seek to withhold "a portion of the records of 9-1-1 calls" under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 772.318 of the Health and Safety Code.

We believe that a prior ruling, Open Records Letter No. 98-2551 (1998), answers your question concerning originating telephone numbers and addresses on 911 call reports. You may rely upon ORL 98- 2551 as a previous determination on this issue under section 552.301 of the Government Code and thus need not ask this office again for a decision concerning these types of records.

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<sup>1</sup>In reaching our conclusion, we assume that the "representative sample" of records submitted to this office is truly representative of the requested records as a whole. See Open Records Decision No. 499 (1988), 497 (1988) (where requested documents are numerous and repetitive, governmental body should submit representative sample; but if each record contains substantially different information, all must be submitted). This open records letter does not reach, and therefore does not authorize the withholding of, any other requested records to the extent that those records contain substantially different types of information than that submitted to this office.

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We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have any questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,



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Assistant Attorney General  
Open Records Division

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Enclosures: Submitted documents; copy of Open Records Letter No. 98-2551  
(1998)

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