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Dear Ms. Rovira:

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# 579487 (ORR No. W003734-063015).

The Town of Addison (the "town") received a request for information regarding a specified accident. 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 public disclosure "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision." Gov't Code § 552.101. Section 552.101 encompasses chapter 772 of the Health and Safety Code, which authorizes the development of local emergency communication districts. Section 772.118 of the Health and Safety Code applies to an emergency communication district for a county with a population of more than 3.3 million and makes confidential the originating telephone numbers and addresses of 9-1-1 callers provided by a service supplier. *See* Health & Safety Code §§ 772.104, .118; *see also* Open Records Decision No. 649 at 2 (1996). You argue the information you marked should be withheld under section 772.118. The town is in Dallas County, which we understand has a population over 3.3 million, and you inform us the town is part of an emergency communication district established under section 772.118. Therefore, we conclude the town must withhold the telephone number you have marked under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 772.118 of the Health and Safety Code, if they were furnished by a 9-1-1 service

supplier. If the marked information was not provided by a 9-1-1 service supplier, it may not be withheld under section 552.101 in conjunction with section 772.118. However, we find the town has failed to demonstrate any of the remaining information at issue consists of an originating telephone number or address of a 9-1-1 caller furnished by a service supplier so as to be subject to chapter 772. Therefore, none of the remaining information at issue is confidential under chapter 772 of the Health and Safety Code, and the town may not withhold any of the remaining information at issue under section 552.101 of the Government Code on that basis. As you raise no other exceptions to disclosure, the town 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 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)