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Dear Ms. Cost:

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# 578529 (PIR# 15-2965).

The Texas Department of Public Safety (the "department") received a request for time sheets of fourteen named officers during specified time periods. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101, 552.108, 552.152 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted representative sample of information.¹ We have also considered comments submitted by the requestor. *See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (interested party may submit comments stating why information should or should not be released).

Section 552.101 excepts from disclosure "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision." *Id.* § 552.101. Section 552.101 of the Government Code encompasses section 411.00755 of the Government Code. Open Records Letter No. 2010-12863 (2010) is a previous determination to the department authorizing it to withhold personnel records of commissioned officers of the department under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 411.00755(b)

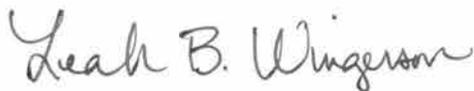
¹We assume the "representative sample" of records submitted to this office is truly representative of the requested records as a whole. *See* Open Records Decision Nos. 499 (1988), 497 (1988). This open records letter does not reach, and, therefore, does not authorize the withholding of, any other requested records to the extent those records contain substantially different types of information than that submitted to this office.

of the Government Code without the necessity of requesting an attorney general decision, unless the exceptions to confidentiality listed in sections 411.00755(b)(1)-(12) or the release provisions listed in section 411.00755(c) are applicable. *See* Open Records Decision No. 673 at 7-8 (2001) (listing elements of second type of previous determination under section 552.301(a) of the Government Code). You state the information at issue consists of personnel records of commissioned officers of the department that are subject to section 411.00755. You also state this information does not contain the types of information listed in sections 411.00755(b)(1)-(12), and there is no indication the release provisions in section 411.00755(c) are applicable. Therefore, based on your representations and our review, we conclude the department must withhold the submitted information under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 411.00755 of the Government Code pursuant to the previous determination issued to the department in Open Records Letter No. 2010-12863.²

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)

²As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your remaining arguments against disclosure.