



KEN PAXTON
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

September 30, 2015

Mr. Paul A. Ready
Legal Department
County of Galveston
722 Moody Street, 5th Floor
Galveston, Texas 77550

OR2015-20484

Dear Mr. Ready:

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# 582093.

The Galveston County Sheriff's Office (the "sheriff's office") received a request for a specified 9-1-1 recording and any additional information pertaining to a specified incident. You state you have released some information to the requestor. You claim portions of the submitted information are 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 other statutes, such as 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 Galveston County is part of an emergency communication district subject to section 772.318 of the Health and Safety Code. You indicate the information you have marked consists of the originating telephone number of a 9-1-1 caller furnished by a 9-1-1

service supplier. Accordingly, the sheriff's office must withhold the information you have marked under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 772.318 of the Health and Safety Code. As you raise no further exceptions to disclosure, the sheriff's office 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Neal".

Tim Neal
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

TN/bhf

Ref: ID# 582093

Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)