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Ms. Judi S. Rawls
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OR2016-01541

Dear Ms. Rawls:

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# 594912.

The Beaumont Police Department (the "department") received a request for all department policies related to the department's officers' use of department vehicles. You state you will release some information to the requestor. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.108 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information. We have also received and considered comments from the requestor. *See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (permitting interested third party to submit to attorney general reasons why requested information should or should not be released).

You state the submitted information was the subject of previous requests for information, as a result of which this office issued Open Records Letter Nos. 2015-06190 (2015), 2014-11825 (2014), and 2014-11363 (2014). In those rulings, in relevant part, we determined the department may withhold certain information under section 552.108(b)(1) of the Government Code. You state the law, facts, and circumstances on which the prior rulings were based have not changed. Thus, the department may continue to rely on Open Records Letter Nos. 2015-06190, 2014-11825, and 2014-11363 as previous determinations and withhold or release the submitted information in accordance with those rulings. *See* Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (so long as law, facts, and circumstances on which

prior ruling was based have not changed, first type of previous determination exists where requested information is precisely same information as was addressed in a prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes that information is or is not excepted from disclosure).

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 'J. Behnke', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Joseph Behnke
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)