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RE: Public Records Request – Policies and Procedures Concerning Police and Technology

Dear Jann Carson:

We are in receipt of your Public Records Request dated July 30, 2012. Each point of your request is addressed below.

1. A copy of Newberg-Dundee Police Department Policy 309, Taser Guidelines, is attached.

2. Regarding ALPR (“Automatic License Plate Readers), this technology is not in use by officers at the Newberg-Dundee Police Department. At this time, there is no plan to pursue ALPR in this agency.

3. Regarding obtaining cell phone data from cell phone carriers in the past three years,

   a. There is no formal written policy or procedure regarding obtaining cell phone data from cell phone carriers. It is customary, however, for officers to obtain a subpoena or search warrant requesting the vendor provide specific cell phone logs or data if required as part of a case investigation.

      Secondly, through our E9-1-1 Dispatch Center, during an emergency situation dispatchers may contact a cell phone vendor for assistance in determining a caller’s location through their process of triangulation.

   b. With regard to request for documentation reflecting type and amount of funds associated with obtaining cell phone data, we occasionally are required to pay for information
obtained as a result of a subpoena. This happens only occasionally; most often, the information is provided at no cost.

4. Newberg-Dundee Police Department has no formal policy addressing an officer’s response to members of the public photographing or video recording officers while engaged in their official duties. However, Newberg-Dundee Police Department Policy 105, Professional Ethics and Standards, addresses a police officer’s Professional Conduct in Subsection 105.7.

I hope I have been able to address your public records request to your satisfaction. The $15 check submitted with your public records request is being returned to you.

Should you have any questions pertaining to this response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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