



public records requests

2 messages

Jennifer Lloyd <jennifer.lloyd@bloomington.in.gov>
To: Dave Askins <dave@bsquarebeacon.com>

Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 10:29 AM

Dear Dave,

I am writing in response to two public records requests you made to the City last week in regard to the recent military exercises that took place in Bloomington.

Your first request was for

“a copy of communications (emails, text messages, including attachments) created between Jan 1, 2021 and June 8, 2021 exchanged by Bloomington mayor John Hamilton or Bloomington police chief Mike Diekhoff in connection with a US Military training exercise conducted on June 7, 2021 to June 8, 2021 on property under control of the city of Bloomington at or near 1730 S. Walnut St. This request is intended to include but is not limited to communications with the keywords “military” OR “training in your area” OR “noises associated with the training” OR “simulated weapons” OR “loud bangs” OR “1900hrs” OR “0300hrs” OR “07-08””

Attached please find a letter from Mayor Hamilton to a representative of the U.S. Army in regard to the exercises performed on June 7. The names of military personnel have been redacted for security purposes at the request of the Army.

To the extent that it pertains to emails, this request is denied because it does not meet the “reasonable particularity” standard of I.C. 5-14-3-3(a) (1) in that it does not identify, nor limit the number of, persons with whom Mayor Hamilton or Chief Diekhoff are to have exchanged communications. An email search for your keywords during the relevant time period yielded over 900 emails; in the absence of designated correspondents, the request is not sufficiently narrow so as to be reasonable.

Your second request was for

“a copy of communications (emails including attachments, text messages, regular mail, paper documents) created between Jan 1, 2021 and June 7, 2021 from representatives of the US Military to employees of the city of Bloomington or sent to representatives of the US Military by employees of the city of Bloomington, which are in possession of Bloomington mayor John Hamilton or Bloomington police chief Mike Diekhoff, in connection with a military training exercise conducted on June 7, 2021 to June 8, 2021 on property under control of the city of Bloomington at or near 1730 S. Walnut St. This request is intended to include but is not limited to communications with the keywords “United States Military” OR “training in your area” OR “noises associated with the training” OR “simulated weapons” OR “loud bangs” OR “1900hrs” OR “0300hrs” OR “07-08””

I refer you to the letter from Mayor Hamilton provided to your previous response.

In regard to the balance of this request, we cannot respond with 100% certainty to a request that references communications from any representative of the U.S. Military to any employee of the City of Bloomington. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the best of our knowledge and belief, aside from the included letter, there are no written communications in the possession of Mayor Hamilton or Chief Diekhoff that are responsive to your request.


Sincerely,

Jennifer

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To: Mike Rouker <roukerm@bloomington.in.gov>

Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 10:39 AM

Hi Mike,

I'd like to talk to you about this response. Can we set up a time for a phone call?

--Dave

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