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Mr. Paul Wood
News-Gazette
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Re: FOIA Request 15-252

Dear Mr. Wood:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on April 7, 2015, in which you requested:

“...annual numbers for incidents of firearms being discharged by on-duty officers, from 2005 through 2015, reported year by year. This does not include discharges during practice or range sessions.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. This is a public document numbering 1 page.

We have separated the request into two categories — when an officer discharged his weapon to deter a human threat, and when an officer discharged his weapon to humanely end a suffering animal’s life.

Please note that the incidents involving animals are documented in a way that makes those reports very difficult to find in our database without more specific search parameters. We have included here the reports for which we could confirm that an officer discharged his weapon.

You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Attorney General. The PAC may be reached by phone at 217-782-1396, by email to publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, or by postal mail at the Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer