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June 14, 2019

Via Email Only



RE: FOIA request #19-132
2018-2019 Commendations

Dear 

Attached are additional documents in response to your request to the City dated June 4, 2019. The attached documents are the 2019 commendations received by the Champaign Police Department and were inadvertently left off of our original response to this request sent to you on June 10, 2019.

The attached records you have requested are subject to the following exemption:

7(1)(b) Privacy – names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses

You have a right to request review of this response by the Illinois Public Counselor:

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Sincerely,

Laura J. Hall

Laura J. Hall
Assistant City Attorney

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7 January 2019

Chief Anthony Cobb
Champaign Police Department
82 East University Avenue
Champaign, IL 61820

Dear Chief Cobb,

My daughter, [REDACTED], and I want to express our admiration and deep appreciation for Detective Jody Cherry.

The weekend of September 28, 2018 my daughter went to Champaign for what we thought was an approved visit with her son. Detective Cherry was caught up in the vindictive melodrama perpetrated by my grandson's father, [REDACTED] and the woman living with him. Unfortunately, [REDACTED] and Youth Services insisted that my grandson at least try to adjust to living with his father who had had NO INTERACTION with the child in his entire 15 years until he was placed with [REDACTED] on August 14, 2018.

My daughter, on September 28, when asked the whereabouts of my grandson was not forthcoming. She was tired, frightened and not thinking clearly and gave Detective Cherry cause to place her under arrest. Even though she went through quite an ordeal, we both are grateful for the professionalism, fairness and caring for my grandson shown by Detective Cherry. We wish every community in the USA were fortunate enough to have a person of his ability protecting them too.

The weekend of October 5, 2018 Detective Cherry provided the guidance and direction to help me retrieve my grandson's pet rabbit from his father's house in Champaign. This fantastic act of kindness meant more than words can tell to my grandson, my daughter and me.

My grandson returned home to [REDACTED] on October 11, 2018 and is doing very well as is his rabbit.

We all thank Detective Cherry from the bottom of our hearts and hope he is well recognized for the outstanding work he does.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3/13/2019

Mail - bruce.ramseyer@champaignil.gov

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Patrol, I think this notice of recognition is referring to Officer Frye, but I could be mistaken. I will defer to you to identify and forward to the appropriate Officer so they are aware their work was appreciated by a community member.

Tom

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 8:13 AM
To: police <police@champaignil.gov>
Subject: Thank You

I would like Officer Tim (sorry I didn't get his last name) on patrol early this morning (3/13/19). As he was driving down Staley around 3:00 am, he cam across a little dog.

He took the time to stop and check on the dog. His kindness reunited our family. Because of his kindness there are four happy children this morning instead of four grleving children.

In this crazy world kindness is not acknowledged enough. People only mention the negative. I would like Officer Tim and his superiors to know how much his actions this morning has meant to our family.

Thank you does not seem to be enough, but

THANK YOU!!

[REDACTED]
Champaign, IL

Re: Hello

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Bruce Ramseyer

Wed 3/13/2019 3:41 PM

Sent Items

To: Anthony Cobb <anthony.cobb@champaignil.gov>;

Got it. Thanks

Bruce Ramseyer

Lieutenant | Professional Standards

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From: Anthony Cobb
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 2:48:59 PM
To: Bruce Ramseyer
Cc: Mark Vogelzang; Troy Daniels
Subject: FW: Hello

Bruce,

Here is an attaboy to file away for Sgt Frost

Anthony D. Cobb

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 3:42 PM
To: Anthony Cobb <anthony.cobb@champaignil.gov>
Subject: RE: Hello

Good afternoon Chief Cobb,

Thank you for this email. I initially wanted to talk to you about my concerns but am pleased with how Sergeant Frost handled my situation. He was great in every sense of the word; your leadership plays a major role. Be blessed.

Teresa

From: Anthony Cobb <anthony.cobb@champaignil.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 3:38 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Hello

[REDACTED]

Thank you for reaching out to me and I'm sorry I was not able to connect with you. I did receive your email message from Sgt Frost and I'm hopeful that he's addressed your concerns. Thank you for working with him and for sharing your experience with me!!!!

Anthony D. Cobb

Chief of Police

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Fw: [REDACTED]

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Kathryn Bennett

Tue 3/26/2019 1:34 PM

To: Bruce Ramseyer <bruce.ramseyer@champaignil.gov>;

From: Kathryn Bennett

Sent: Saturday, March 23, 2019 10:40 AM

To: James Warren; Johnathan Broadnax

Subject: [REDACTED]

I had the RP [REDACTED] call today to give you guys Kudos on the check building call last night. She wanted to know she appreciated you guys and thought you were very nice and caring since she was so scared. She appreciated the help and you made her feel safe when she did not.

Way to go!

March 19, 2019

Sergeant Lack
Champaign Police Department
82 E. University Avenue
Champaign, IL 61820

Dear Sergeant Lack,

This letter is to inform you of my gratitude to your officers, Thompson, Standifer and Alvis who responded to my call to Champaign Police on the morning of Tuesday, March 12 to check on my friend of 40 years, [REDACTED]. Officer Alvis was waiting for me when I arrived and entered the house with the key [REDACTED] had given me years ago. Officer Standifer arrived a short time later and also entered the house. He took upon himself the difficult task of informing me that my friend had passed. Officer Thompson arrived and talked with me while we waited for Carle and the coroner to arrive.

I first alerted Officer Thompson to the situation back in October. I called her in twice to check on [REDACTED] but didn't know that she had recently checked on her weekly and had brought her food often. [REDACTED] out of her poverty, her pride, and her desire for privacy had refused the many offers of help from your officers, numerous social agencies, myself and others. However, your officers stepped up to do what they could. I am very grateful that they did and wanted you to know that they went above and beyond their duty in so doing.

I know they would say that they didn't offer what help they could for recognition's sake, only because they care for citizens, but I hope that you will be able to recognize them for their superior service to my friend.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Champaign, IL 61820

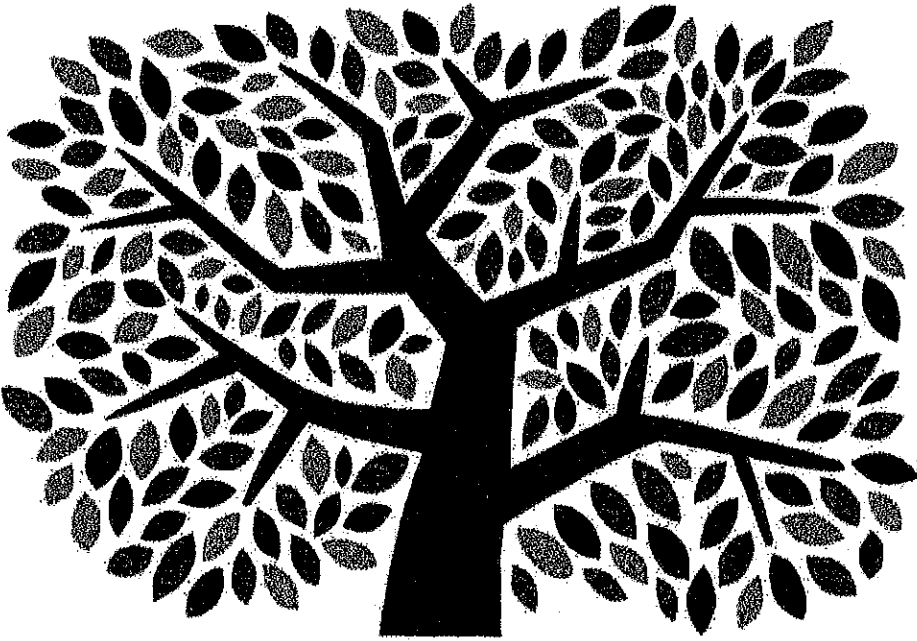
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Champaign, Illinois 61820
200 West Green Street

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Thank you!



FW: What a success...THANK YOU!

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Anthony Cobb

Mon 4/22/2019 8:58 AM

To: Brian Rogers <brian.rogers@champaignil.gov>; Dixie Brazelton <dixie.brazelton@champaignil.gov>;

Cc: Mark Vogelzang <mark.vogelzang@champaignil.gov>; Troy Daniels <Troy.Daniels@champaignil.gov>; Bruce Ramseyer <bruce.ramseyer@champaignil.gov>;

Brian & Dixie,

Below is a note of thanks from Kerri Wiman (Neighborhood Service Director). I too want to thank you both for your professionalism and outstanding representation of our Department. I'm certain this was a run of the mill call for you, but your actions meant a lot to NSD. Thank you both for your compassion and professionalism dealing with this citizen as your actions were noted and impressive to Kerri (I actually ran into Kerri after the event on Saturday and she verbally shared her appreciation in addition to this email). Please continue to be excellent representatives of unconditional respect and excellent customer service in all of your contacts.

Sincerely,

Anthony D. Cobb

From: Kerri Wiman

Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2019 11:13 AM

To: Brian Rogers <brian.rogers@champaignil.gov>; Dixie Brazelton <dixie.brazelton@champaignil.gov>; Anthony Cobb <anthony.cobb@champaignil.gov>

Cc: John Ruffin <John.Ruffin@champaignil.gov>; David Oliver <David.Oliver@champaignil.gov>; Kim McCloud-Burnett <Kim.McCloud-Burnett@champaignil.gov>; Betsy Barclay <Betsy.Barclay@champaignil.gov>; Jennifer Carlson <jennifer.carlson@champaignil.gov>; Joan Walls <joan.walls@champaignil.gov>; Dorothy Ann David <Dorothy.David@champaignil.gov>

Subject: What a success...THANK YOU!

Hello Chief Cobb,

Just want to send a quick shout out and thanks for Sgt. Rogers and Officer Brazelton's assistance today at our Beardsley/Willis Park cleanup event.

They deescalated an angry neighbor at the beginning of our event. By the time we were closing up, the same neighbor came to join us in loading the dumpster and volunteered with the neighborhood leader to be a part of the next one!

I am also grateful that my team got a chance to share info and ideas with your team, Chief Cobb, particularly about the unmanaged vacant properties that are a blight for all of us. I did talk a bit about David's CPTED survey and things we can do together to educate Garden Hills/Beardsley residents to promote safety features home by home.

I look forward to continuing success with neighborhood events and am grateful for your team's expertise.

Warmly,

Kerri Wiman, Neighborhood Services Director

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Fw: Compliment

Troy Daniels

Tue 4/23/2019 9:25 AM

to: Jesse Brockwell <jesse.brockwell@champaign.gov>;
cc: cpdmanagement <cpdmanagement@champaign.gov>;

Thank you very much for representing us so professionally Jesse!
Your efforts really made a difference!

Troy Daniels

Deputy Chief | Patrol

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From: Aaron Lack
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 12:50 PM
To: Jesse Brockwell
Cc: Brian Rogers; Jaceson Yandell; Gregory Manzana; Mark Vogelzang; Troy Daniels
Subject: Compliment

Jesse,

Mr. [REDACTED] called today because of how impressed he was with the way you dealt with him on the call at [REDACTED] today. Mr. [REDACTED] said, "I wanted to take my hat off to him...the dude cared!" He went on to say that you gave him good advice and finished with, "That guy was great!" and that we needed a lot more officers like you.

It makes a big impact when you are this professional and respectful even on the smaller calls. Thank you!

Aaron

Sergeant Aaron Lack #920
Champaign Police Department
82 E. University Avenue
Champaign, IL 61820
(217) 361-4645
aaron.lack@champaign.gov

Fw: [REDACTED]

Mark Vogelzang

Thu 5/9/2019 6:35 AM

To: Matthew Henson <matthew.henson@champaignil.gov>; Brian Maloney <brian.maloney@champaignil.gov>; Bruce Ramseyer <bruce.ramseyer@champaignil.gov>; Troy Daniels <Troy.Daniels@champaignil.gov>; Anthony Cobb <anthony.cobb@champaignil.gov>;

Holloway made an impression on a subject by giving him a coat...

Mark Vogelzang
Lieutenant - Patrol Division
217-403-6908

Champaign Police Department
82 E. University Avenue
Champaign, IL 61820

From: Paula Bidwell
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 10:36 AM
To: Dillon Holloway
Subject: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], one of my sex offenders, came in today and was well on his way to being drunk again. He was very apologetic for his actions/behavior. Hopefully he can get help for his drinking. He is prone to seizures when he gets too drunk.

He wanted to make sure I passed along his thanks for the jacket you gave him. He is always surprised when someone is kind to him and he gets very emotional.

Thanks again for assisting him

Paula

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Re: Bragging on Officer Ryan McCoy

Troy Daniels

Mon 5/20/2019 11:24 AM

[Redacted]; David Shaffer <david.shaffer@champaignil.gov>; Tod Myers <tod.myers@champaignil.gov>;
cc: Anthony Cobb <anthony.cobb@champaignil.gov>; Bruce Ramseyer <bruce.ramseyer@champaignil.gov>; Mark Vogelzang <mark.vogelzang@champaignil.gov>; Matthew Henson
<matthew.henson@champaignil.gov>; Thomas Petrilli <Thomas.Petrilli@champaignil.gov>; Ryan McCoy <ryan.mccoy@champaignil.gov>;

Thanks for passing it on [Redacted] We are very glad that your boys enjoyed the time with Officer McCoy so much.
We will make sure he knows about it, and that it is noted in his jacket.

Have a great day!

Troy Daniels

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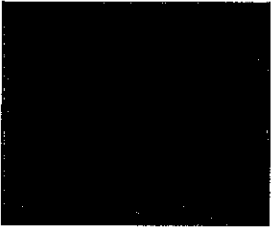
Twitter: @Champaign PD

From [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 10:09 AM
To: Troy Daniels; David Shaffer; Tod Myers
Subject: Bragging on Officer Ryan McCoy

Hi All,

I just wanted to share an interaction with one of our officers with you. This Sunday, Officer McCoy was responding to a call (not from us, thank goodness), and took the time to pose for a picture with my son. Even though he was busy trying to gather information before going to the next call, he was friendly and engaging with us and with our boys. The entire interaction took no more than a minute or two, but the boys are still talking about it.

If you get the chance, please give him a pat on the back for us. Thanks!



Thank You!!!

Tammy Dodds

Mon 5/20/2019 1:02 PM

To: allcpd <allcpd@champaignil.gov>;



As this is National Police Officers week, we want to express our heartfelt thanks to those officers who have responded and tried to help our son [REDACTED]. I haven't met or talked to all of you who have been involved in responding to calls regarding [REDACTED] but we do appreciate each and everyone of you. Special thanks to Sgt. Rash + Officer Bloom for everything you have done. You both went the extra mile to help us and [REDACTED].

To Officer Dan Ward - When do we begin? You are truly a professional in handling cases such as these. Your compassion and understanding of [REDACTED]'s illness has helped us so much.

Again, thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!

You're the best!



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May 24, 2019

Anthony Cobb
Chief of Police
City of Champaign
82 E University Avenue
Champaign, IL 61820

Dear Chief Cobb,

I am writing to compliment you on having on your force officers like Jeffery Snodsmith. Recently we had motor vehicle damage to our property at [REDACTED] Street, Champaign. The fellow drove into our posted private no trespassing parking lot, damaged physical property with his vehicle and then left the scene.

I originally contacted Patrol Sergeant Thomas Frost about the incident. Officer Snodsmith was dispatched to respond. Officer Snodsmith was the consummate professional. Additionally he was a gentlemen and courteous.

He stayed in communication with me and very quickly brought the issue to resolution.

Thank you for having such well-trained, professional and citizen friendly officers on your force as exemplified by Officer Snodsmith. It is a reflection on your leadership.

Best
[REDACTED]

CC Sergeant Thomas Frost

ATABOY for Repp

Jaceson Yandell

Sat 5/25/2019 3:36 PM

To: Adam Repp <adam.repp@champaignil.gov>; Kurt Buckley <kurt.buckley@champaignil.gov>; Matthew Henson <matthew.henson@champaignil.gov>; Troy Daniels <Troy.Daniels@champaignil.gov>; Anthony Cobb <anthony.cobb@champaignil.gov>;

Cc: Bruce Ramseyer <bruce.ramseyer@champaignil.gov>;

Today, I fielded a phone call from [REDACTED] who wanted to pass along his appreciation to Officer Repp for his assistance in a civil issue that he had. He relayed that Officer Repp went above and beyond on this issue that was clearly not a "Police matter".

Adam, thanks for representing yourself and the department in such a professional manner!

Sgt. Jaceson Yandell

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Police Training Institute
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May 29, 2019

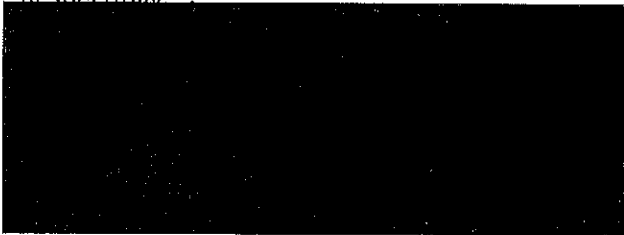
Lieutenant Ramseyer,

I want to thank you and commend you for volunteering to present at this year's Citizen Police Academy. Your presentation on Crime Scene Investigations was exceptional. However, I am most impressed that you went beyond the topic and showed how police officers are also community members just like them. Your ability to engage and interact with citizens is extraordinary. Your sincerity and passion for police-community relations were clear and apparent to the participants.

The following week, Citizen Police Academy students were still praising your presentation. You are an excellent representative of, not only your department but all in the law enforcement profession.

Thank you for taking the time out of your schedule to be involved in an important program.

Respectfully,



Cc: Chief Anthony Cobb, Champaign Police Department

6/12/19

boei



Hello. Could you please tell me when you will host the retirement gathering for Sgt Frost? We would love to stop in.

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 If your message requires immediate attention, please call us at 217-351-4545 or the non-emergency number at 217-333-8911. In case of emergency, dial 911.
 Hi, and thank you for reaching out. Once those details are confirmed, we will share them. If you do not hear from us within the next couple weeks, please follow up. It should be in mid-July. Thanks!

Sent by Thomas Yelich (2)

Sgt Frost is such a great asset to the community. We loved getting to know him when he would greet students at Booker T. Washington. Each day my son would say, "Good morning, Sergeant Frost" and give him a hug. He has watched my son grow from a tiny 2nd grader to a tall middle schooler. He is always a friendly face when we see him about town and always takes the time to chat with us.

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