

R000549-032621 - City Public Records Request

Message History (5)

↩ On 9/13/2021 1:18:53 PM, Nathaniel Story wrote:

Thank you!

✉ On 9/13/2021 12:42:33 PM, City of Boston wrote:

Subject: City of Boston Public Records Office City Public Records Request :: R000549-032621

Body:



City of Boston

Shawn A. Williams, Esq.

Director of Public Records

09/13/2021

RE: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST of March 26, 2021., Reference # R000549-032621

Dear Nathaniel:

The City of Boston (City) has received your request for public records. This response applies only to records that exist and are in the custody of the City. See *A Guide to the Massachusetts Public Records Law*, p. 32, n.115. It is expected that a custodian of records must use her superior knowledge of her records with respect to responses to public records requests. 950 CMR 32.04(5). Specifically, you stated:

This is a request for public records under M.G.L. ch. 66, § 10.

I am requesting all Police Commissioner's Personnel Orders issued by the Boston Police Department from the year 2000 to present.

It is my understanding the Boston Globe made a similar request last year and received a response consisting of thousands of files. If it would be easier to produce the files previously provided to the Globe, I would accept those as fulfilling this request, even if they cover a different time period than what I requested.

If you withhold some portions of the requested documents on the grounds that they are exempt from disclosure, please specify which exemptions apply and release any portions of the records for which you do not claim an exemption. I ask that you provide the records in electronic format to the maximum extent possible.

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We have reviewed our files and have located records that correspond to your request. These records have been released to the [Public Records Center](#). Click the link below to login to the Records Center and retrieve the requested records.

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Very truly yours,

Shawn A. Williams, Esq.
Director of Public Records
Records Access Officer

↩ On 4/14/2021 8:23:36 AM, Nathaniel Story wrote:

I believe this request would be less burdensome if the City provides as a response all personnel orders that were previously requested by and provided to the Globe.

These are the reference numbers for those requests:

R000321-070320

B000987-070320

B001206-081120

Can you provide these records?

 On 3/26/2021 2:33:22 PM, City of Boston wrote:

Dear Nathaniel Story

Thank you for your interest in public records of City of Boston. Your request has been received and is being processed. Your request was received in this office on 3/26/2021 2:33:21 PM and given the reference number R000549-032621 for tracking purposes.

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You can monitor the progress of your request at the link below and you'll receive an email when your request has been completed. Again, thank you for using the Public Records Center.

Director of Public Records

Records Access Officer

City of Boston

Track the issue status and respond at: https://bostonma.govqa.us/WEBAPP/_rs/RequestEdit.aspx?rid=8411

 On 3/26/2021 2:33:21 PM, Nathaniel Story wrote:

Request Created on Public Portal