

Brighton, MI 48116
Aug. 24, 2018

Elizabeth Hundley
Livingston County Clerk
200 E. Grand River Avenue
Howell, MI 48843

Dear Ms. Hundley,

Under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act § 15.231 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that pertain to the decision in approximately 2010 by the Livingston County Sheriff's Department to switch to a single-source contract to handle tows of private vehicles involved in traffic accidents and other emergencies.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$25. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

The Michigan Freedom of Information Act requires a response to this request within five days. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for considering my request.

Cordially,


Judy Daubenmier

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Judy Daubenmier

Brighton, Michigan 48116

August 31, 2018

Re: Your FOIA request received by this public body on the 27th day of August 2018 regarding public records which pertain to the Livingston County Sheriff's decision to have one tow company contract to tow private vehicles involved in incidents.

Dear Ms. Daubenmier,

Please be advised that we have received and reviewed your request which was received by The Livingston County Sheriff Office on the 27th day of August 2018. I have conducted a thorough search for any/all information pertaining to the subject request.

Your FOIA is complete and includes the following:

Two emails, one from Pardiac Towing to Sheriff Murphy and one response email from Sheriff Mike Murphy to Pardiac Towing.

All of the resources at the Sheriff's Office have been thoroughly searched. The Sheriff's Office IT Services attempted to locate all emails regarding this matter and their response follows: "Emails regarding this matter were unable to be recovered".

There are no policies, contracts, agreements or communications governing the process by which the Livingston County Sheriff chose the vehicle tow company that is used to tow non county owned vehicles when such towing is deemed appropriate by the Livingston County Sheriff or its deputies and employees. The determination to use one tow company, Corrigan Towing, was made by previous Sheriff Bezotte. He simply said from this day forward (roughly 2016) Corrigan's Towing will tow all vehicles unless the owner has a preference of their own.

In the event you are not satisfied with this response, I would like to advise you of your rights. You have the right to submit a written appeal to the Livingston County Board of Commissioners, which specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason.

Sincerely,

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Records/FOIA Coordinator

https://www.livgov.com/administration/Pages/FOIA_Request.aspx

From: "Mike Murphy" <MMurphy@livgov.com>
Date: Fri Apr 07 15:32:12 EDT 2017
To: "pardiactowing@yahoo.com" <pardiactowing@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Tow trucks

Ben,

Sorry for the long delay. I have thought a lot about this off and on over the last couple months, and talked to a lot of people from my office as well as the other PD's and some of their staff. The feedback on your service, reliability, expertise, etc.. has been overall very good. That being said, I keep coming back to the same conclusion / question and that is; am I trying to fix something that isn't broken? And the answer I keep coming back to is yes.

I told you when we met I was not in favor of the way then Sheriff Bezotte handled the whole wrecker issue in moving away from the rotation system. However, it has worked out pretty good from my perspective. As you may recall I mentioned that I don't care who provides the service, I just want to make sure it is done properly and professionally and the public is as happy as they can be given the fact that their car is being towed. That is the case with the current system so I am not in favor of changing it at this time. I think in any business you have to re-evaluate on a somewhat regular basis, to make sure what you are doing still makes sense and fits within the mission of the organization. I did truly enjoy our meeting; you are a very sharp, and personable guy with a lot on the ball, and I believe you will continue to grow your business and there is more than an outside chance that we will do business together some day, but that time is not now.

In God We Trust
Murph

-----Original Message-----

From: pardiactowing@yahoo.com [<mailto:pardiactowing@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 12:43 PM
To: Mike Murphy
Subject: Tow trucks

Good afternoon Sheriff,
I haven't heard from you so I figured I would drop you a line! I don't mean to be a bother we're just eager to hear from you!

Thanks again for your time and consideration!

Ben Marhofer