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TO: Alexander Cartwright, College of Business, Ferris State University

FROM: Kathleen Richards, Senior Public Information Officer

## DATE: August 16, 2017

## SUBJECT: Public Records Request, efm 17-403946

Dear Mr. Cartwright,

Please accept this correspondence as the City of Henderson's initial response to your public records request dated August 8, 2017. Numbered responses correspond directly to the numbered items in your request.

- Citizen complaints made against Henderson Police officers from 2011-present are retained in a proprietary software program. We estimate that it will be able to provide you the total annual number of citizen complaints for this time period in two weeks. However, these records do not distinguish the type of complaint. We estimate it will take three months to research each record for the type of complaint and the result of the complaint. Records prior to 2011 are not maintained electronically and therefore will require extensive research by the Professional Standards Bureau to determine what records constitute citizen complaints and to tally the annual number of complaints. We estimate that it will take three months to perform this research. Please let me know if you want to proceed with this request.
- 2. Complaints made by Henderson Police officers against other Henderson Police officers are not distinguished from other forms of internal investigations conducted by the Professional Standards Bureau. Therefore extensive research will be required to review each record to determine if the complaint was initiated by a peer officer, the type of complaint and the result of the complaint. We estimate that it will take three months to perform this research. Please let me know if you want to proceed with this request.
- 3. The Henderson Police Department's annual calls for service can be found on the City's open data portal by visiting <u>http://www.cityofhenderson.com/open-henderson/open-data-portal/about-open-data-portal</u> and clicking on the Public Safety icon, then Crime Data. The data is presented as a graph and you may export it to a spreadsheet. The data provided online is for the years 2012-2016. We estimate that it will take two weeks to compile the same data for the years 2007-2011.

- 4. Henderson Police officer involved shootings can also be found on the City's open data portal by visiting <u>http://www.cityofhenderson.com/open-henderson/open-data-portal/about-open-data-portal</u> and clicking on the Public Safety icon, then Crime Data. The data provided is for the years 2003-2015. There were no officer involved shootings in 2016. To determine whether a shooting involved disciplinary action, whether the discharge was at a person or animal, or an accidental discharge, will require research into each individual case. We estimate that it will take about one month to compile that information. Please let me know if you want to proceed with this request.
- 5. Items 3 and 4 above are published publicly on the City's open data portal, plus additional data that includes statistics provided to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the Uniform Crime Report. The Henderson Police Department publishes additional information on the City's website at <u>http://www.cityofhenderson.com/police/police-data-initiative</u>, including use of force, and recruitment and hiring demographics. The data is provided to the community and media to create transparency and accountability as part of the Henderson Police Data Initiative (PDI).