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Mr. Matt Davis
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Via Electronic Mail
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Re: Public Records Request

Dear Mr. Davis:

Our office is in receipt of your Public Records Act request dated June 22, 2011, in which you requested "the current draft of the NOPD's use of force manual being prepared by Chief Westbrook and Susan Hutson."

Please be advised that the New Orleans Police Department's use of force manual contains investigative training information and investigative techniques and instruction of the Police Department. Accordingly, the manual is thereby exempt in part from public disclosure, pursuant to La. R.S. 44:3A(3), which provides as follows:

A. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to require disclosures of records, or the information contained therein, held by the offices of the attorney general, district attorneys, sheriffs, police departments, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, marshals, investigators, public health investigators, correctional agencies, communications districts, intelligence agencies, or publicly owned water districts of the state, which records are:

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(3) Records containing security procedures, investigative training information or aids, investigative techniques, investigative technical equipment or instructions on the use thereof, criminal intelligence information pertaining to terrorist-related activity, or threat or vulnerability assessments collected or obtained in the prevention of terrorist-related activity, including but not limited to physical security

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information, proprietary information, operational plans, and the analysis of such information, or internal security information.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at (504) 658-9800.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anita B. Curran".

Anita B. Curran
Assistant City Attorney