

EXHIBIT 3

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A-2024-00345

Requester: Haynes, Aaron

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Appeal

Appeal Information

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Request Information

Request Number	23-FOIA-0062
Component	OJP
Subject of Request	All Records Regarding the Office of Justice Programs' Public Safety Officers Benefit Program award of benefits to the family of Alan D. Basso.

Basis for Appeal

Description of Appeal	<p>In October of 2022, the Washington State Attorney General's Office (the "AGO"), on behalf of the Washington State Board of Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers, and the Cowlitz County Fire Protection District No. 5 (the "District"), representing the widow of Alan D. Basso, Vicky Lynn Basso, submitted this FOIA request to the Department of Justice (the "DOJ"). To date, the DOJ has not produced any records in response to the FOIA request. Since at least May of 2023, the DOJ has possessed the necessary authorization and certification of identity forms executed by Ms. Basso. Yet, the AGO and the District have not received any records despite repeated assurances by Chaun Eason, a DOJ representative, that the records would be forthcoming. The District and the AGO have waited over a year to receive any records from the DOJ or, in the alternative, any notice from the DOJ that it is denying the FOIA request in its entirety. The District and the AGO appeal the DOJ's failure to respond to the FOIA request and respectfully request that the DOJ produce the requested records.</p> <p>The AGO and the District hereby incorporate as part of the record of this appeal any and all email communications between the AGO and the District with the DOJ to date regarding the FOIA request and the authorization and certification of identity forms that the AGO and the District have provided to the DOJ to date.</p>
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Expedited Processing Information

Expedited Processing Requested? No



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Dear Aaron Haynes:

This is to advise you that the Office of Information Policy of the U.S. Department of Justice received your administrative appeal from the action of the Office of Justice Programs regarding Request No. 23-FOIA-0062 on 11/13/2023.

In an attempt to afford each appellant equal and impartial treatment, OIP has adopted a general practice of assigning appeals in the approximate order of receipt. Your appeal has been assigned number A-2024-00345. Please refer to this number in any future communication with OIP regarding this matter. Please note that if you provided an email address or another electronic means of communication with your request or appeal, this Office may respond to your appeal electronically even if you submitted your appeal to this Office via regular U.S. Mail.

We will notify you of the decision on your appeal as soon as we can. If you have any questions about the status of your appeal, you may contact me at 202-514-3642. If you have submitted your appeal through Freedom of Information Act STAR, you may also check the status of your appeal by logging into your account.

Sincerely,

Priscilla Jones

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