

March 7, 2022

Andrew Leatham Summit County Attorney's Office 6300 N. Justice Center Rd. Park City, UT 84098

Dear Mr. Leatham,

This letter is in response to your Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA) request to the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) dated March 1, 2022 in which you requested the following records:

- 1 . All pertinent records, including but not limited to reports of Investigation regarding the South Summit Fire District completed in 2022. Please include letter of disposition, response letters from the South Summit Fire District, and the name of the complainant and the date of the original complaint.
- 2. All pertinent records, including reports of Investigation regarding the North Summit Fire Department received in 2021-2022. Please include letters of disposition, response letters from investigated persons or agencies, and the name of the complainant and the date of the complaint.

We currently have records responsive to your request for a letter of disposition and response letters from the South Summit Fire District. Those records are included as attachment to this email.

It should be noted that not all documents responsive to your request will be provided at this time pursuant to the requirements of GRAMA. Your request for complaints and complainant identities is denied on the basis of Utah Code § 67-3-1(17)(a)(ii), which protects records to the extent it would disclose the identity of an individual who communicated the existence of any waste of public funds, property, or manpower, or a violation of a law if the information was disclosed on the condition that the identity of the individual be protected. Your request is also denied based on Utah Code § 63G-2-305(10)(d) which protects the identity of a source if disclosure would compromise the source. As the complaint in question was made with the understanding of the complainant's anonymity and was uncorroborated, we are unable to release the identity of the complainant or the contents of the complaint itself. Please note, pursuant to Utah Code § 63G-2-207, nothing short of a court order will allow OSA to release the protected records you requested.

We currently do not have records responsive to your request for a letter of disposition and response letters from the North Summit Fire Department. The complaint mentioned in your request regarding this entity will not be disclosed on the basis of Utah Code § 67-3-1(17)(a)(i), which establishes that records that would disclose allegations of personal misconduct, gross mismanagement, or illegal activity of a governmental employee if the information or allegation cannot be corroborated are protected under GRAMA

Pursuant to Utah Code § 63G-2-401, you have the right to appeal the denial of this request to the chief administrative officer, John Dougall, Utah State Auditor. Your notice of appeal must be submitted within 30 days of the above denial date and must include your name, mailing address, daytime telephone number, and an explanation of the relief sought. You may also include any supporting information with your notice of appeal. Your appeal may be submitted at the address listed below.

Please be aware that all GRAMA requests are posted on our website as a matter of office practice (with personal information, such as address, redacted). We do this to provide transparency and accountability to the public at large.

Sincerely,

Mandy Teerlink, Records Officer Office of the State Auditor