

Aaron Stevenson

From: Aaron Stevenson <police@eternalvigilance.net>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 7:34 PM
To: 'Police Department, Liberty University'
Subject: RE: FOIA request for records

I disagree. The Virginia Freedom of Information Act contains the following provision:

For the purposes of the provisions of this chapter applicable to access to public records, [...] private police departments as defined in §9.1-101 shall be considered public bodies and, except as otherwise expressly provided by law, shall have the same obligations to disclose public records as other custodians of public records. Virginia Code §2.2-3701, "Public body".

Although Liberty University is a private institution, its police department is defined by VFOIA to be a public body and it is obligated to respond to a request for records. I urge you to reconsider your position.

- Aaron Stevenson

From: Police Department, Liberty University <LUPD@liberty.edu>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 11:32 AM
To: police@eternalvigilance.net
Subject: FOIA request for records
Importance: High

Good morning,

Mr. Stevenson, in your email you stated Va. Code. § 2.2-3704(B) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) requires Liberty University to release Liberty University Police Department's policy manual. VFOIA applies only to public bodies and public records. Liberty University is a private institution of higher education and thus it is not subject to VFOIA. Therefore, Liberty declines to provide the requested records.

Thank you,

Liberty University Police Dept

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From: Aaron Stevenson <police@eternalvigilance.net>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 1:35 PM
To: Police Department, Liberty University <LUPD@liberty.edu>
Subject: [External] RE: FOIA request for records

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The Virginia Freedom of Information Act requires a response to a request for public records within five working days. [Virginia Code §2.2-3704\(B\)](#). I have received no response from you. Your response is now overdue. Please respond immediately.

- Aaron Stevenson

From: Aaron Stevenson <police@eternalvigilance.net>

Sent: Sunday, November 26, 2023 5:54 PM

To: 'lupd@liberty.edu' <lupd@liberty.edu>

Subject: FOIA request for records

Pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (Virginia Code §2.2-3700 et seq.), I request the policy manual of the Liberty University Police Department.

If the requested records exist in electronic form, I ask that they be supplied in that format to this e-mail address. I ask that all fees for this request be waived, because the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of a law enforcement organization. If you intend to impose any fees, I ask that you supply a cost estimate prior to the production of any records.

Sincerely,
Aaron Stevenson
Vinton, VA