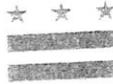


GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

August 23, 2007

BY U.S. MAIL

[REDACTED]
Washington, DC 200

Re: Freedom of Information Act Appeal

Dear [REDACTED]

This letter responds to your administrative appeal to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), D.C. Official Code § 2-531 *et seq.* (2001 & 2006 Supp.), dated July 9, 2007, and received in this office on July 16, 2007 (the "Appeal").

In an initial request to the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services ("FEMS"), dated May 12, 2007, and June 22, 2007, you sought:

"Copies of any D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services documents or correspondence concerning on-the-job injuries and the selection of a private physician, therapist or medical treatment facility other than that of the D.C. government or the Police and Fire Clinic for treatment, and non-payment of salary for being injured on-the-job."

In the Appeal, you advised that FEMS's response was insufficient and did not respond to your FOIA request.

We forwarded the Appeal to FEMS with a request for a response. FEMS responded by memo dated July 25, 2007 (the "FEMS Response"). A copy of that Response was sent to you. A copy of the document provided by FEMS was included with your Appeal. It is FEMS's position that the document is responsive.

It appears that the FEMS Response and the documents delivered represent the best documents available in response to your FOIA request. Given the wording of your request and the document provided by FEMS, it is probable that no record exists that exactly matches your request. We are satisfied that the document provided is the best available. Therefore, the Appeal is hereby DISMISSED.

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You are free under the FOIA to commence a civil action against the District of Columbia government at any time in the District of Columbia Superior Court.

Regards,



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