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**RE: Public Records Request of March 20, 2013**

Dear Ms. Rotolo:

This letter is in response to your public records request regarding the SWAT team records.

Your request has been scheduled for a thorough review by our staff. However, due to both the extensive nature of your request and our limited resources, we are unable to provide you with a detailed answer and a good faith estimate of costs<sup>1</sup> and any exemptions that may apply at this time. As soon as they are available, we will forward them to you. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Bureau of Professional Standards at 508-799-8694.

Respectfully,

GARY J. GEMME  
Chief of Police  
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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to M.G.L. C. 66 §10(a), the *per* copy fee that we may charge for providing copies of these documents to you is \$1.00 per page if they are mailed to you [plus applicable postage charges], or \$.50 per page if you pick them up at Worcester Police Headquarters. In addition, please be advised that 950 C.M.R. 32.06 allows for payment to the custodian of the records being sought for search and segregation time, at the rate paid to the lowest paid employee that is capable of doing the work. In this case, due to the complexity of the materials involved and the expertise required in order to perform the necessary review of them prior to release, that employee is a police sergeant, and the current hourly rate is \$43.74. Due to budgetary and personnel constraints, we are not able to waive any fees associated with public records requests at this time.