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Lieutenant Michael Dwyer  
Philadelphia Police Department  
750 Race Street, Room 203  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

**Re: Right to Know Law Request**

Dear Lieutenant Dwyer:

This is a request under the Pennsylvania's Right to Know Law, codified at 65 Pa.C.S.A. 67.101 et seq., for records pertaining to trainings which the Philadelphia Police Department ("PPD") has hosted, sponsored, endorsed, sanctioned or funded in whole or in part, or may do so in the future. Specifically, the records requested pertain to trainings that, whether intentionally or inadvertently, may have inculcated among PPD employees an unwarranted and counterproductive hostility towards American Muslims. This record request is not limited to the PPD's Homeland Security Bureau but applies to all PPD divisions, departments, units, bureaus, and other organizational components.

This request is made on behalf of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Philadelphia Office ("CAIR-Philadelphia"). Our request is limited to records produced or received by the PPD on or after January 1, 2005. It is our objective that this request will provide the documents needed to comprehensively assess the PPD's performance in this arena. We are not seeking this information for commercial use.

We are seeking the following records:

- (1) Records, documents, communications, guidelines and procedures detailing the process through which the PPD decides, and/or has decided, which topics to address during trainings which the PPD has hosted, sponsored, endorsed, sanctioned or funded in whole or in part, or may do so in the future.
- (2) Records, documents, communications, guidelines and procedures detailing the process through which the PPD vets, and/or has vetted, the trainers, speakers, presenters, or organizations it contracts or has contracted to conduct trainings which the PPD has hosted, sponsored, endorsed, sanctioned or funded in whole or in part, or may do so in the future.

(3) Records, documents, communications, guidelines and procedures detailing the process through which the PPD vets and has vetted the content of trainings suggested or conducted by a PPD employee which the PPD has hosted, sponsored, endorsed, sanctioned or funded in whole or in part, or may do so in the future.

(4) Records, documents, and communications that include references to Islam, Islamists, terrorism, counterterrorism, extremism or extremists, homeland security, Muslims, the Muslim Brotherhood, Islamic law, Sharia, jihad, radicalization, or CAIR produced, received, or reviewed by PPD employees who were or are involved in selecting, scheduling, and organizing training events which the PPD has hosted, sponsored, endorsed, sanctioned or funded in whole or in part, or may do so in the future.

(5) Records, documents, and communications regarding trainings which the PPD has hosted, sponsored, endorsed, sanctioned or funded in whole or in part, or may do so in the future, pertaining to Islam, Islamists, terrorism, counterterrorism, extremism, extremists, homeland security, Muslims, the Muslim Brotherhood, Islamic law, Sharia, jihad, radicalization, or CAIR. This request includes, but is not limited to, invoices, contracts, brochures, written training materials, handouts, attendance lists, videos, books, recordings of presentations or seminars, webinars or webcast content and recordings, promotional materials, pamphlets, and feedback forms.

(6) Records, documents, and communications regarding any materials or presentations—including the materials and presentations themselves—distributed or proposed to be distributed or presented or proposed to be presented at trainings which the PPD has hosted, sponsored, endorsed, sanctioned or funded in whole or in part, or may do so in the future, pertaining to Islam, Islamists, terrorism, counterterrorism, extremism or extremists, homeland security, Muslims, the Muslim Brotherhood, Islamic law, Sharia, jihad, or radicalization, or CAIR.

(7) Records, documents, and communications pertaining to all solicitations and offers—including the solicitations and offers themselves—made to the PPD regarding trainings that make references in any way to Islam, Islamists, terrorism, counterterrorism, extremism or extremists, homeland security, Muslims, the Muslim Brotherhood, Islamic law, Sharia, jihad, radicalization, or CAIR. This includes all solicitations and offers regarding such trainings, irrespective of whether such training occurred.

(8) Records, documents, and communications discussing the qualifications, credentials, affiliations, or experience of any person or company to conduct a training for which the PPD hosted, sponsored, endorsed, sanctioned or funded in whole or in part, or may do so in the future.

(9) Records, documents, and communications that refer to, discuss or assess the PPD's or the PPD's employees' knowledge of Islam or the American Muslim community.

(10) Records, documents, and communications that discuss or make reference to any of the following persons or entities or are correspondence between the PPD and any of the following persons or entities:

CAIR is America's largest Muslim civil liberties and advocacy organization. Its mission is to enhance the understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

- a. Security Solutions International (SSI)
- b. Extreme Terrorism Consulting, LLC
- c. The Alpha Group
- d. Axiom
- e. Michael Ronczkowski
- f. Homeland Security University
- g. The Center for Counterintelligence and Security Studies (CI Center)
- h. Nobel USA
- i. Chameleon Associates
- j. Association of Threat Assessment Professionals
- k. Strategic Security Corp
- l. SIG Homeland Security, LLC
- m. Anti-Terrorism Accreditation Board
- n. S2 Strategic Intelligence
- o. Sam Caroba
- p. Walid Shoebat
- q. Nonie Darwish
- r. Pamela Geller
- s. Robert Spencer
- t. Frank Gaffney
- u. David Yerushalmi
- v. International Counter-Terrorism Officers Association (ICTOA)
- w. ACT for America
- x. MEMRI
- y. Andrew Boston
- z. Steven Emerson
- aa. Ebrahim Ashabi
- bb. Kamal Saleem
- cc. Shahram Hadian

The Council on American Islamic Relations appreciates the PPD's attention to this matter, and requests that the PPD fulfill its obligation to provide its response.

For any records that include material the PPD is authorized to exempt from disclosure as well as non-exempt material, we request that the PPD produce the records with the appropriate redactions. Furthermore, we ask if certain categories of documents take much longer to locate and produce than others that the PPD provide the documents as they become available.

CAIR-Philadelphia is requesting a waiver for all fees associated with this request pursuant to 65 P.S. § 67.1302(f)(2) as we believe that our records request pertains to the public interest in assessing the operations and activities of government and the records are not sought for commercial use. Should our request for a fee waiver be denied in whole or in part, please inform the undersigned before engaging in any activity which would result in a charge greater than \$100.

If you have any questions or concerns about this request, please contact me directly. I will look forward to receiving the requested information at the address indicated at the top of page one of this letter request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amara S. Chaudhry".

Amara S. Chaudhry, Esquire  
Civil Rights Director