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OFFICE OF OPERATIONS, SECURITY, AND PREPAREDNESS  
WASHINGTON DC 20420

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Mr. Scott A. Hodes  
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Dear Mr. Hodes:

Thank you for your interest in the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Security and Law Enforcement (OS&LE) and the Law Enforcement Training Center (LETC). This is in response to your December 5, 2011, FOIA request which was received by this office, OS&LE, on December 6, 2011, for records maintained by the OS&LE and LETC.

Enclosed are documents that are responsive to your request. The VA Directive 0730 (enclosure 1) cites the responsibility of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security and Law Enforcement to ensure that policies and procedures are established for operations and training. Standards can be found in the enclosed position descriptions (enclosure 2) for the criminal investigators and instructors within the OS&LE. Training is accomplished and recorded for each criminal investigator on the enclosed blank sample in-service training form; and basic and specialized training and qualifications are set forth in the enclosed LETC Directive 11-05 and Manual 602 (enclosure 3).

The organization charts are also enclosed (enclosure 4). However, one of the charts for the LETC has information that is withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption 6 (5 U.S.C. Sec. 552(b)(6)) which authorizes the withholding of information, the disclosure of which would reasonably constitute an invasion of personal privacy.

The US Marshals Form 3A is used for each deputation applicant, the second page of which includes a justification statement. The completed application forms are submitted to the USMS. We will consult with the USMS regarding the release of the form and you will be notified of the results as soon as a response is received from the USMS FOIA Office. Documents are included citing the authority for deputation set forth in Title 28 U.S.C. 566c, 561a, 561f, 561g; Title 28 CFR 0.111-0.113; and USMS Directive, Fugitive Investigations, Special Deputation Program 8.14, found at [www.usmarshals.gov/foia/Directives-Policy/Fugitive](http://www.usmarshals.gov/foia/Directives-Policy/Fugitive) - USMS FOIA Reading Room. These documents are all enclosed (enclosure 5).

There were no records identified in this organization that are responsive to your request for records that “concern oversight to OSLE and LETC operations and functions.....”, listed in paragraph 6 of your request. Also, as indicated in paragraph 2 above, standards for agents, medical evaluations, carrying weapons and performing law enforcement duties are outlined in the enclosed position descriptions. Medical clearance documents provided to the employees from health providers are not maintained by this office; however they may be maintained in the employees’ Official Personnel Folders in addition to their personal files.

If you wish to appeal this determination, please send the appeal to the Office of General Counsel within sixty (60) calendar days of the date of this letter to Office of General Counsel (OGC/024), 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC, 20420, or to OGC’s FOIA appeal email address listed on VA’s FOIA home page.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tanya Al-Khateeb".

Tanya Al-Khateeb  
OS&LE FOIA Officer