Average Response Time: 2 business days

Total Requests: 11,762

Records Released in Full: 54%

The Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) requires public bodies to respond to FOIA requests within 5 business days. Fairfax County tracks FOIA requests for 50+ Fairfax County agencies with the VFOIA Tracker application.

VFOIA contains exemptions that allow agencies to withhold exempt information. Other laws require that Fairfax County withhold certain information.

Top Requested Records:
- Police Reports
- Land Records
- Complaint Records
- Salary Information
- Electronic Communications
- Fire Incident Reports
- 911 Call Records

Top Ten Agencies:
- Police: 5490
- Fire: 2504
- Health: 1142
- Public Safety Communications: 474
- Land Development: 457
- Code Compliance: 354
- Planning and Development: 285
- Tax Administration: 210
- Family Services: 187
- Human Resources: 88

Contact Us:
- FOIA@fairfaxcounty.gov
- 703-324-2639, TTY 711
- www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicaffairs/foia
VFOIA allows Fairfax County to assess reasonable, actual costs related to processing FOIA requests.

Per County policy, waivers should be considered when the total cost of the FOIA request is less than $50.

On average, the County received 47 requests per working day.

The Office of Public Affairs responded to or provided agency support on 846 FOIA requests.

8,655 FOIA responses were sent via email, and 3,107 were distributed in-person, over the phone, via fax or by letter.

$786 was the highest paid FOIA fee.

Fairfax County agencies processed 26% more FOIA requests in FY20 than in FY19 (9,329 FOIA requests).

The Office of Public Affairs conducted 15 FOIA trainings attended by 453 individuals.

More FOIA requests were received in March (1,154) than in any other month.

Requests categorized above as VA residents and businesses were sent by:

75% private citizens; 21% developers, businesses, and law firms conducting business in Fairfax County; and

4% from social services and non-profit organizations.