“...balance the County’s commitment to transparency and openness, while ensuring the protection of the County’s privacy and security interests. ..” – Countywide FOIA Policy

**FOIA REQUESTS**

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<td>2 business days</td>
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The Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) requires public bodies to respond to FOIA requests within 5 business days.

Fairfax County tracks FOIA requests received by all Fairfax County agencies and Board of Supervisors’ offices with the VFOIA Tracker application.

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

**Request Examples**

- 911 Calls and Police Reports
- Fire/EMS Incident Reports
- Contractor Bids and Proposals
- Environmental Inspections
- County Employee Salary Information
- Delinquent Real Estate Tax List
- Traffic Calming Study Tally Results
- Emails and Text Messages
- Voter Registration Information

**High Volume Agencies**

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**Requesters**

- VA Resident 56%
- Other 43%
- Media 1%

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FOIA Fees

**FOIA Fees Assessed**

$109,173.39

VFOIA allows Fairfax County to assess reasonable, actual costs related to processing FOIA requests.

**FOIA Fee Waivers**

12,243

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

**Top Ten Agencies**

- Police $83,474.82
- Fire $13,600.11
- Land Development Services $3,576.83
- Tax Administration $2,376.15
- Elections $1,492.66
- Planning and Development $822.91
- Human Resources $763.11
- Board of Supervisors $648.16
- Library $639.36
- Health $639.20

**INTERESTING DATA**

- On average, Fairfax County received 67 requests per working day.
- The Office of Public Affairs managed 1,114 FOIA requests.
- $1,262.00 was the highest paid FOIA fee.
- Fairfax County agencies processed 7% more FOIA requests in FY 23 than in FY 22.
- 89% of FOIA responses were sent via e-mail, and 11% were distributed in-person, over the phone, via fax or by letter.
- More FOIA requests were received in March (1,770) than in any other month.
- The Office of Public Affairs conducted 25 FOIA trainings to over 500 attendees.