

VOLUSIAEXPOSED's INITIAL EMAIL TO COUNTY

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Bcc: REDACTED BY VOLUSIAEXPOSED

Subject: Secured Information available for public review?

Date: Wed, 21 Aug 2013 02:48:32 -0400

Dave Byron
Volusia County Public Information Officer

Ref: Secured Information available for public review

Mr. Byron:

While doing some Internet research for a pending VolusiaExposed.Com article, we came across the below Volusia County Government web link.

<http://www.vcservices.vcgov.org/Personnel/PDF/Directory.pdf>

This linked PDF document has some information that we believe was not intended for public review.

It contains private telephone numbers for several law enforcement officers. With these numbers, it is highly likely that a reverse address search could be conducted, thus putting these law enforcement officers' and their families' lives in danger.

Further, the document appears to provide instructions on how to remotely transfer county telephone extensions - these extensions appear to include extensions within all public safety agencies and the Daytona Beach International Airport.

Does the possibility exist for a terrorist or criminal to hack these rather sensitive phone extensions from a less secured county extension, like a county librarian's unattended phone?

Do the TSA, VCSO or Fire Services use these county phone extensions to conduct their duties at the Daytona Beach International Airport?

With this information being readily available on the Internet, via a simple GOOGLE search, does the county perceive this to be a public safety concern?

VolusiaExposed is preparing to post an article covering the above concerns and questions. We invite your office to provide our readers

with assurances that public safety was not compromised. And if public safety was in some way compromised, what actions does the county intend to take?

Should this document not be suitable for publication, we would request that the county provide VolusiaExposed with a fully redacted copy of said document.

Please process this as a public record request as per Florida Statute 119. Should there be any cost associated with this PRR, please advise us at the below email address.

Regards;

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VOLUSIA COUNTY RESPONDS TO OUR CONCERNS

From: Dave Byron <dbyron@volusia.org>

To: VolusiaExposed <volusiaexposed@cfl.rr.com>

Subject: Re: Secured Information available for public review?

Date: Thu, 22 Aug 2013 15:45:48 -0400

All I can do here is be upfront. You have obtained sensitive information that was not intended for public consumption. How this information got posted to a website is a matter of research that is under way now. After your communication to me on this, I immediately notified our IT division to discern how this happened. As you note, this document is not intended for public consumption. The background here is that these numbers are produced for members of the Manager's Advisory Group (MAG). MAG is the group that comes together during hurricanes or other community threats where extraordinary person to person communication is essential for public safety. The sharing of these numbers is limited to 50 or fewer high level people and there are some numbers that are not publishable. Do I think the inadvertent release of these numbers constitutes a security breach or safety threat, no I don't, but obviously I can't be sure of that. I am not taking the position that most of these numbers are not a matter of public record, they are. However, I would ask that Volusia Exposed reconsider the need to obtain these phone numbers. Dave Byron

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Cc: bwendland@volusia.org, prenfro@volusia.org
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Date: Fri, 23 Aug 2013 11:36:58 -0400

Mr. Byron (others):

Your below email fulfills our need in proving that the document was available for general review - thusly, we have re-evaluated our need for a redacted copy of the directory, and we will not be needing it.

HOWEVER, according to your email the county is researching (investigating) how the document was released for general public consumption - we would request any records generated from that investigation.

Further, upon the county determining whether this inadvertent release was or was not a security breach or safety threat - we would also request any records that outlines any plans of mitigating those concerns.

In short, we in no way wish to BE or PARTICIPATE in the breach or threat, rather we just wish to inform the public of it's existence.

In closing, we wish to make this observation regarding your below comments - we believe each and every law enforcement officer who's private information was inadvertently released would disagree with your belief that no security breach or safety threat exist. Hopefully, the county intends to advise these officers (and other staff members) of this inadvertent publication, so that they can take whatever steps they feel are necessary to ensure their safety.

Regards;

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VOLUSIA COUNTY RESPONDS TO VOLUSIAEXPOSED

From: Dave Byron <dbyron@volusia.org>

To: VolusiaExposed <volusiaexposed@cfl.rr.com>

Subject: Re: Secured Information available for public review?

Date: Fri, 23 Aug 2013 12:33:12 -0400

Thank you for your cooperation. I do not believe there are or will be any documents created by this review being conducted by our IT staff. I believe what happened is an employee created a pdf of the file and posted it. I am trying to determine how and why this happened, but I suspect it was an innocent and unthinking mistake by an employee. My belief also is that the phone numbers of law enforcement officers listed in this document are county issued cell phones for the most part. But I am running that to ground as well. Dave Byron