



Public Records Advisory Council Non-Legislative Subcommittee

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Transparency is the City's goal

- The Portland Police Bureau strives for transparency. However, as we serve our residents, we also must balance transparency with protection from possible physical or financial harm. Personal Identifiable Information (PII) is redacted mainly for these reasons.
- The rest of the City has the goal to provide transparency while balancing individual needs for privacy.

PPB cannot release some types of cases:

- PPB first needs to determine if there is an open investigation or if the prosecution is open with the District Attorney.
- If so, the records specialist needs to contact the investigator to ask if the record can be released.
- Additionally, only DHS can release child abuse cases. PPB can only release these types of cases if given written permission by the Department of Human Services.
- All juvenile arrests must be released by the Juvenile Justice System (JDH).
- Adult abuse cases must be release by Adult Protective Services.

PPB is required to redact CJIS and LEDS

- PPB has access to national law enforcement databases. As part of the agreement to access those databases, information from them cannot be released to the public. Therefore, Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) and Law Enforcement Database System Information (LEDS) must be redacted.
- Personal Identifiable Information (PII) -our current style sheets automatically redact this information unless requested by law enforcement.
- Oregon Driver's License (ODL)
- Social Security (SS)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation ID (FBI)
- State Identification Number (SID)

Most victim names (unless a confidential report was made)

Victim birthdates


Victim addresses

Victim phone numbers

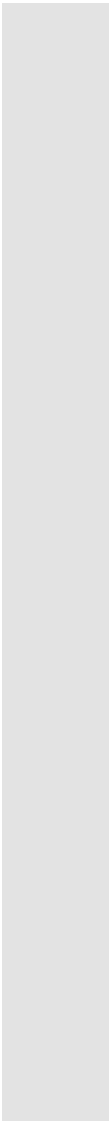
Email addresses

Child victim names and contact information

PPB is not permitted to redact certain types of
the public's private information



PPB makes
mandatory
redactions for
officer safety

- Officer photographs
 - Undercover officer information
 - Undercover reoccurring missions (locations, phone numbers, etc.)
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Images of deceased person- If making publicly available would invade the privacy of the family of the deceased.

Specific medical/mental information.

Financial information (on copies of checks, credit card numbers, etc.).

PPB is allowed to make other redactions to protect privacy

The narrative section of reports, videos and emails take the longest to review



The narrative section of reports may include any of the issues listed above and must be read for private information such as medical or financial.



Similarly, emails are manually reviewed for private or investigatory information.



Videos must be redacted frame by frame even with advanced redaction software (PPB is continuously researching better methods of this type of redaction).

Other state laws limit the types of information that can be provided to certain requesters

- Certain information must be redacted under state law if the request is to enforce federal immigration law.
- Other non-law enforcement government agencies can ask for information, but specific information must be redacted, example Adult Protective Services.

The rest of the City faces similar privacy issues depending on department

Other City Bureaus also redact private information of the public.

However, District Attorney decisions require the City to release information the public considers private such as the public's dates of birth or contact information.

There is a citywide concern that members of the public, including crime victims, won't come forward because their information is currently subject to disclosure.