FROM	Chris Benemann
TO	Robert Samuel White; [ODA Staff]
DATE	November 4, 2026, 12:04 PM PT
SUBJECT	**Re: Public Records Request**

Afternoon Mr. White.

No apologies needed. I am not in fact the PRO for the Department. I was merely being a facilitator and directed your request from the OISC to our Communications team - who typically intake and triage Public Record Requests. I am the ODA representative, and current Chair, for the OISC. The OISC is a semi-government agency that lives with the ODA.

I have Cc'd our Director of Communications, [ODA Staff]. She previously was trying to reach you, but was unable to connect.

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From: Robert Samuel White <rsw@rswfire.com>
Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at 11:48 PM
To: BENEMANN Chris * ODA <[email]>
Subject: Re: Public Records Request

Chair Benemann (Public Records Officer):

I owe you an apology. My letters of November 2, 2026, addressed you only as "Public Records Officer," and not by your title.123 The system that writes my letters is new, and I am still working out its faults.

Every letter I send begins with the role because the role is the point: a Public Records Officer holds what belongs to all of us, and answers for it to anyone who asks. I think it is important to be reminded of that each time. I have changed the system so that a letter to you carries both: your title first, and the role in parentheses.

Thank you for your public service.

Respectfully,
Robert Samuel White
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