PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST — COMMUNICATIONS WITH OSP GOVERNMENT AND MEDIA RELATIONS

TO	Public Records Officer, Department of Transportation
FROM	Robert Samuel White
DATE	October 27, 2026
RE	Public records request under ORS 192.314

To the Public Records Officer, Department of Transportation:

Under ORS 192.314, I request the following public records of the Department of Transportation. **This request excludes any record concerning me.** It concerns only how the Department of Transportation communicates with the Oregon State Police about other members of the public.

Records requested. All emails, including attachments and replies, sent to or received from either of these Oregon State Police addresses:

- Captain Kyle Kennedy, Government and Media Relations (kyle.kennedy@osp.oregon.gov)
- OSP Public Information Officer (osppio@osp.oregon.gov)

that contain any of these terms:

- “threat assessment”
- “situational awareness”
- “welfare check”
- “knock and talk”
- “grievance”

Date range: January 1, 2023, to the date of search.

Custody. Records sent from or received by Department of Transportation accounts are records of the Department of Transportation, wherever they are stored, including systems maintained by DAS Enterprise Information Services. If you believe another public body is the custodian of any responsive record, please identify that custodian and the basis for the determination in writing, rather than closing the request (ORS 192.311).

The search. Please state in writing:

- the accounts, systems, and archives searched;
- the exact terms and date range used;
- the date of the search and the title of the person who conducted it;
- the number of responsive records found.

The statute does not require it, but courtesy does. If there are no responsive records, please say so in writing, with the search described above.

Format and correspondence. Under ORS 192.324(3), please provide records in the form requested: native electronic format with metadata, headers, and attachments intact (.eml or .msg), by email or secure link. Please conduct all correspondence about this request by email, including acknowledgments, estimates, waiver decisions, and payment instructions. Under ORS 192.324(1), this letter is a complete written request, and it includes a complete fee waiver request. It does not need to be resubmitted on a form.

Redaction. Please redact the names, home addresses, personal phone numbers, and personal email addresses of private individuals. No other redaction is requested for privacy. In any fee estimate, please list redaction time separately from search and production time, with the hours and the hourly rate of the employee performing it. Under ORS 192.324(4)(b), a fee may not include attorney time spent determining the application of the public records law.

Exemptions. For any record or portion withheld, please identify the record (date, sender, recipients, and general subject), the specific exemption claimed, and how it applies to that record (ORS 192.329, 192.338). Please segregate and release nonexempt portions. A fee estimate is not an exemption assertion.

- *Criminal investigatory information (ORS 192.345(3)):* This exemption is conditional, applies only to information compiled for criminal law purposes, and yields where the public interest requires disclosure. A state agency's correspondence with OSP about a member of the public is not, in that agency's hands, information compiled for criminal law purposes. If you claim it, please state which criminal investigation each record was compiled for, and why the public interest does not require disclosure.
- *Attorney-client privilege:* A communication between the Department of Transportation and OSP is not privileged because a DOJ attorney is copied. If you claim privilege, please identify the attorney and the legal advice sought for each record.

Fee waiver. I request a waiver of all fees under ORS 192.324(5). Disclosure primarily benefits the general public:

1. *Requester's identity.* I maintain oprdvolunteerabuse.org, a public archive of Oregon state government records. It has published complete public records productions from the Oregon State Police, Department of Administrative Services, and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. This request excludes any record concerning me.
2. *Purpose.* To publish, in full and without charge, records showing whether and how state agencies refer members of the public to the State Police through its Government and Media Relations section.
3. *Character of the information.* The records show whether state agencies use the Government and Media Relations section of the State Police to handle members of the public who contact them. This concerns the use of police power, civil liberties protected by Article I, section 8 of the Oregon Constitution and the First Amendment, and compliance with ORS 181A.250, which bars police from collecting information about a person's political or social views or activities without reasonable suspicion of criminal involvement.
4. *Public domain.* No public record shows how often state agencies make such referrals. The only documented instance is in Oregon State Police records produced under PR27478. They show that on March 3, 2026, a state agency forwarded a member of the public to the captain of Government and Media Relations "for situational awareness," without alleging a crime, and that a threat assessment was ordered the next day. Those records are published at https://oprdvolunteerabuse.org/record/osp/01M1M4WF78XJPEJJ48D1JZ4SJ8/.
5. *Ability to disseminate.* The archive has published every production it has received, with original files and metadata, at no charge. Records from this request will be published the same way. I have no commercial interest in them.

I request a waiver of all fees under ORS 192.324(5). If a full waiver is denied, I request a reduction of fees under the same provision. If the waiver is denied or a reduction is granted in part, please give the reasons in writing for each factor, state the amount or percentage of any reduction and its basis, and provide an itemized estimate before any work begins, showing the tasks, the hours for each, and the hourly rate of the employee performing each.

Timeline. Please acknowledge this request within five business days and give an estimated completion date as required by ORS 192.324 and 192.329.

Preservation. Please preserve all records responsive to this request while it and any petition for review are pending.

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