

NOTICE OF DATA EVENT

Date: February 07, 2025

The City of Chicago was required to produce records as part of a lawsuit concerning a February 9, 2022, vehicle accident. As part of that lawsuit, the City produced, to the other parties in the lawsuit, an Office of Emergency Management and Communications record. That record contained an EMS response at a specific address. The information about that response is very limited: only the date and approximate time of the response, the location of the response; and an “Event Query Number” (a number used internally by the City to identify incidents, such as EMS dispatches). The record does not contain name, date of birth, SSN, or other direct identifiers were included.

The City is posting this notice to notify two individuals who were involved in the vehicle accident for whom we have insufficient address information to contact individually regarding this matter, which was discovered on December 11, 2024. We are not aware of any reported uses of this information and do not believe there is cause for alarm. We have investigated the potential disclosure and are taking steps in response, including entering a protective order in the personal injury case to prevent further disclosure of the information and providing additional training for our personnel.

It is always important for members of the public to protect themselves against potential fraud. For example, placing a fraud alert on your credit file. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. You can place a free fraud alert by calling any one of the three major credit bureaus: Equifax (800-525-6285), Experian (888-397-3742), or TransUnion (800-680-7289). As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, the others are notified to place fraud alerts. If you would like to receive a copy of your credit report, you can visit www.annualcreditreport.com and a credit report will be sent to you, free of charge, for your review. Even if you do not find any suspicious activity on your initial credit reports, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends that you check your credit reports periodically. You can find more information at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-ID-THEFT (877-438-4338).

If you have any questions concerning this matter or would like to know whether your information was contained in the records, please contact: Margaret Mendenhall Casey, Deputy Corporation Counsel, at Margaret.Mendenhallcasey@cityofchicago.org.