Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.) and your agency’s implementing regulations, I respectfully request access to or an electronic copy of the following information:

1) The year, make and model of all ISP – Toll Road patrol vehicles and the type of fire-suppression system/fire panel used on the vehicle, if any;

2) Model and year of all vehicles purchased, but not yet ready for service because they have not yet been outfitted with lights, computers, radios etc.;

3) Reports on fatal crashes involving on-duty ISP-Toll Road officers, 2003-present;

4) Final reports on the March 28, 2013 crash in which Trooper James Sauter was killed;

5) Reports on any non-fatal rear-end crashes involving ISP-Toll Road vehicles which a fuel tank ignited;

6) Any internal reports, bulletins, or correspondence generated/issued by the Toll Authority, the state regarding:
   - rear-end collisions;
   - purchase or installation of fire suppression systems;
   - trooper deaths/injuries resulting from fires or rear-end collisions’
   - pre-purchase analysis/evaluation of prospective fleet vehicle purchases

As you know, the FOIA requires an agency to reduce or even waive duplication fees where the disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of government. I believe the principal purpose of my request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety, welfare and legal rights of the general public. I plan to use the requested information as the basis of a newspaper article advancing the public interest. Therefore, I respectfully request a waiver of all duplication fees.

I believe that all of the information I have requested is subject to public disclosure pursuant the FOIA. However, if you decide to withhold all or part of the information requested, please send me a detailed statement of the reasons for this denial along with references to the specific exemptions of the FOIA you are claiming for each withheld document. I expect you to release all legally disclosable portions of the otherwise exempt material.

Because I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate a response to my request within 5 working days as required by the Act. Please provide the documents by the easiest and quickest means possible. E-mail or fax and electronic presentation is preferred. Also, please provide the documents as they become available and don’t withhold some as the search for others may continue beyond the 5 day requirement.

Sincerely,

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