

Access to Public Documents Policy

Pursuant to statute (725 ILCS 210/3) the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor is a judicial agency of state government. Pursuant to the express provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/2), its mandates are applicable to a "public body" which include:

"legislative, executive, administrative, or advisory bodies of the State, state universities and colleges, counties, townships, cities, villages, incorporated towns, school districts and all other municipal corporations, boards, bureaus, committees, or commissions of this State, any subsidiary bodies of any of the foregoing including but not limited to committees and subcommittees thereof, and a School Finance Authority created under Article 1E of the School Code."

Despite its inapplicability to this Agency, we believe that transparency is an important goal of our Agency and, to that end, we will consistently try to disclose information which is available or which is not otherwise inconsistent with the public safety purposes of the Agency. Such information includes, but is not limited to: policies approved by the Board or the Director, reports prepared for the General Assembly or other Agency of state or federal government, Agendas and approved minutes of the Board, contracts and other documents related to the expenditure of public monies other than personally identifying private information, or as otherwise necessary to assure the integrity of criminal investigations.

It is not our policy to disclose information which would undermine our relationship with counties or their State's Attorneys, which by its nature, demands a degree of candor and confidentiality inherent in that relationship. Nor is it our policy to disclose information when such disclosure might place our employees in jeopardy by making them readily identifiable.

State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor
Board of Governors
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