

From: London, Sarah
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 2:45 PM
To: Mishaan, Jessica
Subject: FW: Your Public Records Act Request

From: London, Sarah
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 2:44 PM
To: 'Matt Defour'
Subject: RE: Your Public Records Act Request

Matt,

Below are responses to your public records act request. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks.

- 1) Does your state provide special security for the governor, lieutenant governor, their families, or any other state officials or dignitaries?
 - **Yes. The Vermont State Police, through the Executive Protection Unit (EPU), provide a full security detail for the Governor only. The EPU and the State Police routinely assist with security during visits by dignitaries, usually at State of Vermont expense. In addition, if the Commissioner of Public Safety deems there to be a need for security services for others, including the Governor's family or the Lieutenant Governor, security is provided by the EPU or State Police.**
 - **The cost figures provided below primarily represent costs incurred in providing security to the Governor. However, certain of these costs may be attributable to security coverage in the circumstances noted above.**
- 2) How long has this special security been provided and has it changed in recent years?
 - **It is believed that the state police started the security detail in the 1960s for then Governor Phillip Hoff, although this has not been confirmed. The State Police has had a security detail for all governors since that time and it has remained relatively unchanged.**
- 3) What was the total cost of the special security in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013? (Total cost includes salaries, benefits and reimbursement for travel, lodging and any incidentals for which the state repays special security agents.)
 - **See below. Certain increases in figures below are attributable to increased federal and other dignitary support obligations as well as reclassification and salary increases of all state police sergeants and troopers pursuant to union contract.**
 - **Operational costs (gasoline, vehicle repairs, etc.) specific to the EPU are not available prior to FY 2013 as these costs were previously tracked as part of the overall operating budget of the state police. For FY 2013, total operating costs of the EPU were \$51, 675.**

EPU	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY2012	FY2013
Salaries	\$ 252,611.00	\$ 274,307.00	\$ 292,362.00	\$ 305,187.00
Overtime	\$ 60,479.00	\$ 57,990.00	\$ 35,348.00	\$ 58,163.00
Shift Differential (contractual increase in hourly rate for shifts involving nights or weekends)	\$ 10,126.00	\$ 7,176.00	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 3,060.00
FICA (federal tax withholding)	\$ 22,731.00	\$ 25,009.00	\$ 24,327.00	\$ 27,063.00
Benefits (includes health, life, and dental insurance and retirement)	\$ 77,469.00	\$ 114,184.00	\$ 125,060.00	\$ 128,868.00

Subtotal	\$ 423,416.00	\$ 478,666.00	\$ 480,447.00	\$ 522,341.00
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Travel (includes airfare, lodging, food, and incidentals)	\$ 50,442.00	\$ 43,845.00	\$ 27,250.00	\$ 25,104.00
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Grand Total	\$ 473,858.00	\$ 522,511.00	\$ 507,697.00	\$ 547,445.00
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PERIOD	7-1-09 to 6-30-10	7-1-10 to 6-30-11	7-1-11 to 6-30-12	7-1-12 to 6-30-13
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4) How many full-time special security agents are employed and what is their rank and average annual salary?

- **One state police sergeant and three state police troopers are assigned to the Executive Protection Unit on a full time basis. The average base salary of the sergeant is: \$67,614. The average base salary of the troopers is: \$51,546.**

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From: Matt Defour [<mailto:MDefour@madison.com>]
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2014 11:13 AM
To: London, Sarah
Subject: RE: Your Public Records Act Request

Thank you.

From: London, Sarah [<mailto:Sarah.London@state.vt.us>]
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2014 8:01 AM
To: Matt Defour
Subject: Your Public Records Act Request

Matt, we have received your public records act request. I write to let you know that, due to the volume of information you are seeking, we will need to invoke our right to additional time to respond under 1 VSA 318(a). We will further respond within ten business days of receipt of your request.

Thank you,

Sarah

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From: Matt Defour [<mailto:MDefour@madison.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2014 11:53 AM
To: Matt Defour
Subject:

Dear Governor,

I'm a reporter for the Wisconsin State Journal working on a story about how much states are spending on special security for top state officials. Under your state's open records law, could you please provide the following information:

- 1) Does your state provide special security for the governor, lieutenant governor, their families, or any other state officials or dignitaries?
- 2) How long has this special security been provided and has it changed in recent years?
- 3) What was the total cost of the special security in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013? (Total cost includes salaries, benefits and reimbursement for travel, lodging and any incidentals for which the state repays special security agents.)
- 4) How many full-time special security agents are employed and what is their rank and average annual salary?

Please handle this request expeditiously. If you have any questions you may call my cell phone at (608) 338-6329.

Sincerely,

Matthew DeFour

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