



Genesee County, Michigan Public Record Requests

Request #25-250

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As of March 20, 2025, 12:11pm

Request Visibility: Department

Details

Subject: FOIA Request – Fire Incident Data for Flint (48506)

To:

Genesee County FOIA Coordinator

Email: foia@geneseecountymi.gov

Mailing Address:

Genesee County Board of Commissioners

Attn: FOIA Specialist

1101 Beach Street, Room 312

Flint, MI 48502

FOIA Request – Fire Incident and Arson Data for Flint (Zip Code 48506)

Dear FOIA Officer,

Pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (MCL 15.231 et seq.), I request access to records related to fire incidents in Flint, Michigan (Zip Code 48506) from January 1, 2012, to present. Specifically, I am seeking:

1. The total number of reported fire incidents in Zip Code 48506 during this timeframe.
2. A breakdown of fire incidents classified as “arson” (determined or suspected) within this zip code.
3. Fire department or investigative reports detailing causes of fires, including any cases where the cause was undetermined, electrical, accidental, or arson-related.
4. Records of any fire-related fatalities or injuries reported within the specified timeframe.
5. Correspondence, reports, or internal memos discussing fire patterns, trends, or investigative findings related to suspicious fires in this zip code.
6. Any available GIS data or mapping of fire incidents in Flint’s 48506 area from 2012 to present.

Preferred Format & Fee Waiver Request

I request that these records be provided in electronic format (PDF, Excel, or CSV) whenever possible. Additionally, I request a fee waiver as this request is in the public interest and serves to provide transparency regarding fire incidents and arson activity in Flint. If any fees are required, please notify me before processing.

If any portion of this request is denied or exempted, please provide a Vaughn Index detailing the legal exemptions applied.

Please confirm receipt of this request and provide an estimated processing timeline. If clarification is needed, I am happy to refine the request accordingly.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Best,



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Jason Atkins-Lawson jr

He/him/his

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Flint MI 48506

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Received

March 19, 2025 via web

Due

March 26, 2025

Departments

[Board of County Commissioners](#)

Requester

[Jason Aaron Atkins-Lawson Jr](#)

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[REDACTED] Flint Mi 48506, Flint, MI 48506

Requester email status list

Request opened

- **Sent** March 19, 2025, 10:54am
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Invoices



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Documents

Public (pending)

(none)

Requester

SECTION 10.doc.pdf

Staff Only

(none)

Staff

Point of Contact

foia@geneseecountymi.gov

Support

melston@geneseecountymi.gov

Tasks

Timeline

Document(s) Released to Requester

Requester + Staff

SECTION 10.doc.pdf

March 19, 2025, 11:38am by Monaca Elston

Document(s) Added

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Request Closed

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To requester (Jason Atkins-Lawson Jr.)

Please accept this correspondence in response to your public records (FOIA) request submitted to Genesee County's FOIA Specialist. I understand your FOIA to be for **"fire incidents in Flint, Michigan (Zip Code 48506) from January 1, 2012, to present"**.

Your FOIA request is denied.



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Pursuant to the FOIA, MCL 15.231 *et seq*, I am required to advise you of the rationale for the denial. Please be advised that no records exist in the files of Genesee County government by that name, or any other name reasonably known to this public body, which non-existence means there are no records, based upon information received from the Director of Administration for the Genesee County Board of County Commissioners, I hereby certify.

To the extent this response constitutes a denial of your request, you have the right to submit a written appeal via email to foiaappeals@geneseecountymi.gov, addressed to the chairperson of the Genesee County Board of County Commissioners, specifically stating the word "appeal" and identifying the reason or reasons for reversal of the disclosure denial. You are further advised that you have the right to seek judicial review of such denial and obtain attorney's fees and damages to the extent provided in, and subject to the conditions of, section 10 of the FOIA ("Section 10"). A copy of Section 10 is uploaded to the portal and is incorporated in this response by reference.

Copies of the Genesee County's FOIA Policy and Procedures, along with its FOIA Summary, are available on the county's website here: https://www.geneseecountymi.gov/government/freedom_of_information.php.

IMPORTANT:

Genesee County has no jurisdiction over the City of Flint Fire Department. You are advised to submit your FOIA request to the City of Flint's FOIA Coordinator - Amy Huddleston, (810) 766-7146 ext. 2084

U.S. Mail: Attn: FOIA Coordinator City of Flint Department of Law

1101 S. Saginaw Street, 3rd Floor

Flint, MI 48502

NOTE: There was no charge for responding to this FOIA request.

Respectfully.

Genesee County FOIA Specialist

March 19, 2025, 11:37am by Monaca Elston

Requester + Staff

Dear requester.

Please accept this correspondence as notice that your public records (FOIA) request has been submitted to Genesee County's FOIA Specialist.

Your record(s) request will be processed pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231 *et seq*.

You can expect to receive communication within 5 business days from the date of when your request was deemed officially received.

Respectfully.

Genesee County's FOIA Specialist

Genesee County Board of County Commissioners

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March 19, 2025, 10:54am



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Support Staff Added

Monaca Elston

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Department Assignment

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