

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2022-179**

January 10, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Ms. Karen April Coles

RE: FOIA Appeal 2022-179

Dear Ms. Coles:

This letter responds to the administrative appeal you submitted to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Code § 2-537 (“DC FOIA”). In your appeal, you have challenged the lack of response from the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (“FEMS”) to your DC FOIA request.

On June 6, 2022, you submitted a DC FOIA request to FEMS, identified as 2022-FOIA-06897, which sought the following:

All records pertaining to the fire at 3811 Suitland Road SE, Washington, DC 20020 on 12/7/21, to include Arson report and Fire Investigative report.

A review of the District’s FOIA-tracking data indicates FEMS granted your request on July 11, 2022. If you did not receive this response, you may contact the FOIA Officer at FEMS for a copy.

Because you have only challenged the failure of FEMS to respond, and it appears FEMS has responded, we dismiss this appeal as moot. However, you are free to challenge any substantive response received from FEMS by separate appeal to this Office

This constitutes the final decision of this Office. If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may commence a civil action against the District of Columbia in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 2-537.

Respectfully,

Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel

cc: Paula Gibbs, FEMS FOIA Officer (via email only)