



## CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

### What is the California Public Records Act?

In 1968, the California Legislature enacted the California Public Records Act (CPRA) under Government Code (GC) sections 6250-6270. In its findings and declarations, mindful of the right of individuals' privacy, the Legislature declared it was the public's right to access information concerning the peoples business.

### Type of records available?

The law requires law enforcement agencies to provide information the public has a right to know and at the same time, to withhold information if the release would jeopardize an individual's right to privacy.

Certain records or portions of records are subject to privacy laws and/or other exemptions and are rarely ever available for viewing. All agency records not exempted by law are otherwise available.

### Records Exempt from Public Requests

Items that are exempt, subject to Government Code (GC) 6254, and will likely be redacted are:

- Identifying juvenile information
- Identifying victim information associated with crimes to Penal Code Sections 261, 264, 264.1, 273a, 273d, 286, 288, or 289
- Confidential informant identifying information
- Criminal offender record information
- Information that may endanger the safety of a witness or the other person
- Information that may jeopardize an investigation, related investigation or law enforcement proceeding
- Any portion of the report that reflects analysis, recommendation or conclusion of the investigating officer
- Information that may disclose investigative techniques
- Information that may deprive a person a fair trial
- Preliminary drafts, notes, or memorandums which are not retained in the ordinary course of business
- Records pertaining to pending litigation to which the city/county is a party until the litigation is adjudicated or settled

- Personnel, medical or similar files
- Follow ups to initial investigation

### **Be Aware**

Prompt access to public records is required by the CPRA (Government Code 6253). The 10-day period mentioned in the act is not a legal deadline for producing records. The 10-days allows the agency to review records, if it is not clear that they are public records. As soon as a determination is made, it will be at that time the records shall be released.

The rights under the CPRA provide for the inspection of public records or to obtain copies of identifiable records, it does not compel the agency to create lists or reports in response to the request.

Under Government Code 6253(b), Agencies may charge for the “direct costs” for providing copies of an identifiable record.

Public records requests for information from Stanislaus Regional 911 can be obtained by submitting a California Public Records Act (CPRA) request to:

**Stanislaus Regional 911  
Custodian of Records  
3750 Oakdale Road  
Modesto, CA 95357**

You may also contact the Custodian of Records by phone at (209) 552-3944, or email at [sr911records@sr911.org](mailto:sr911records@sr911.org). For a public records request form, please call or email the Custodian of Records and one will be provided.