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MANDATES: 8 Hour Legal Updates

P R E S E N T S

**8 HOUR
FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION
LAW REVIEW
AND UPDATE**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026 – 8 AM/5 PM

**Fairview Heights Police Department
10027 Bunkum Rd., Fairview Heights, IL. 62208**



WHO: Donald Hays, Attorney at Law

TO REGISTER: Visit our website www.silec.org. **Limit 40!**

This 8-hour course focuses on the application of the Freedom of Information Act in Illinois.

The goals of this course are as follows:

- Provide a complete analysis of the application of the FOIA Law in Illinois.
- Provide the Agencies with an in-depth analysis of the Illinois Body Camera Provisions concerning FOIA.
- Allow Illinois Law Enforcement Agencies and FOIA Officers to analyze Binding PAC Opinions and recent Case Law involving FOIA.
- Provide an opportunity to discuss the best ways to react to FOIA requests when they are received.

Student Performance Objectives

At the end of this unit, the trainee will be able to:

1. Describe the purpose of the course.
2. Identify and summarize key course topics and learning objectives.
3. Locate and utilize required course materials.
4. Explain course evaluation and assessment processes.
5. Interpret the key provisions of the 2026 FOIA.
6. Analyze how the 2026 FOIA applies to their respective agencies.
7. Demonstrate strategies to adapt agency practices to the 2026 FOIA updates.
8. Summarize recent modifications to FOIA.
9. Evaluate how these modifications impact FOIA response procedures.
10. Apply appropriate adjustments to agency practices based on these modifications.
11. Explain the purpose and use of FOIA guidance documents.
12. Assess how these guides influence FOIA responses within their agencies.
13. Apply guidance documents to improve agency FOIA compliance and efficiency.
14. Describe body camera-related FOIA provisions.
15. Discuss the implications of these provisions for agency operations.
16. Demonstrate compliance strategies related to body camera provisions.
17. Explain the role and significance of binding opinions.
18. Analyze how binding opinions affect FOIA decision-making.
19. Apply binding opinions to real or hypothetical FOIA scenarios.
20. Summarize relevant court opinions related to FOIA.
21. Evaluate the impact of court rulings on FOIA responses.
22. Apply court opinions to guide compliant FOIA practices.
23. Synthesize key issues presented in the course content.
24. Evaluate the effectiveness of the presentation using defined criteria (e.g., clarity, applicability, engagement, and comprehension).

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