



September 18, 2009

Lt. Todd Thomasson  
Dallas Police Department Fusion Center (M.O.S.A.I.C.)  
1400 S. Lamar St.  
Dallas, TX 75215

Re: Dallas Police Department Fusion Center Tour

Dear Lt. Thomasson,

We greatly appreciate your willingness to allow our group to tour the Dallas Police Department Fusion Center. We appreciated you, Deputy Chief Harvey, and the other DPD officers that spent the afternoon speaking with representatives of our organization. We are hopeful that this tour was the first of many opportunities for the ACLU of Texas to offer input to DPD on this matter. Our goal is to improve DPD Fusion Center policies and practices to protect civil liberties and the privacy of Dallas residents and anyone else potentially included in DPD Fusion Center databases.

Specifically, we plan to offer comments on your current privacy policy in the near term. Following that input, we would like to discuss with you 28 CFR Part 23 compliance, our recommendations for appropriate training, and discuss further an independent audit of investigations done by DPD analysts.

Because secrecy is a fundamental problem with all fusion centers, we appreciate the openness you have displayed by offering a tour to our organization.

Sincerely,

Matt Simpson  
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ACLU of Texas