

# Create Control - Data Entry

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## Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: 1) **(b) (6) - Privacy** Merriam, KS 66203

Constituent:

Committee:

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## Control Information

Status:

Letter Date:

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Civil Rights Division  
Disability Rights Section  
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**Complaint #:** (b) (6) - Privacy

**Srcr #:** 16-1002C-6EKZ

**Issue:** PHAC

**Filed:** Yes

**Effort:** Yes

**Section:** DRS

**Discrimination:** 12/28/2016

**Complaint Received:** CTSOWN - 12/28/2016

**Filed Organization:** ADA CITY OF MERRIAM KANSAS

**Complaint:** ALLOWING SMOKE FROM OPEN BURNING OF LEAVES RESTRICTING MY AREA OF MOVEMENT, ALLOWING LEAVES TO BE BURNED IN OPEN BURNING IN THE CITY OF MERRIAM KANSAS WHERE I LIVE, AND NOT IN OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS UNDER CONTROL AND PERMITTING BY OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS FIRE DEPARTMENT. (IF I LIVED IN OVERLAND PARK I WOULD NOT SUFFER FROM LEAF BURNING, BUT OVERLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTROLS OPEN BURNING PERMITS IN MERRIAM KANSAS AND ALLOWS LEAF BURNING I AND AT SAME TIME DISALLOWS LEAF BURNING IN OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS. SIMPLY SAID; SUFFER IF YOU LIVE IN MERRIAM KANSAS, WITH DISCRIMINATION AND HEALTH PROBLEMS BEING DISABLED VIETNAM VETERAN WITH 100% DISABILITY AND SHORT LIFE LINE, HAVING A HARD TIME BREATHING LEAF SMOKE DUE ONLY TO LIVING IN MERRIAM KANSAS CONTROLLED BY OVERLAND PARK, & OVERLAND PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT. I WILL FORWARD BY MAIL COPIES OF DOCUMENTS TO ESTABLISH THE CASE.

**Person #:** 200042615

**Type:** CW - Correspondent/Writer

**Title:**

**Name:** (b) (6) - Privacy

**Address:** Merriam KS, 66203

**Organization:**

**Contact By:** PHON

**Disability:** MOBL

**Phone:** (b) (6) - Privacy

**E-Mail:**

**Type:** RS - Respondent/Subject

**Title:**

**Name:**

**Address:** 8500 SANTA FE DR  
Overland Park KS, 66212

**Organization:** OVERLAND PARK KANSAS FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Contact By:** PHON

**Disability:**

**Phone:** 913-895-6000 (O)

**E-Mail:** n/a

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CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

McGowan-Bransome, Sharon (CRT)

**From:** (b) (6) - Privacy  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2016 5:06 PM  
**To:** CRT.Forms@usdoj.gov  
**Subject:** Re: ADA complaint (b) (6) - Privacy filed with the U.S. Department of Justice  
**Attachments:** 16780929\_10211452071439076\_2018114377850410035\_n\_Edited\_Edited.JPG; 15590414\_10211451976356699\_3729258455026407354\_n.jpg

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**From:** "CRT.Forms@usdoj.gov" <CRT.Forms@usdoj.gov>  
**To:** (b) (6) - Privacy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 28, 2016 8:08 PM  
**Subject:** ADA complaint (b) (6) - Privacy filed with the U.S. Department of Justice

This serves as confirmation that the Disability Rights Section has received your complaint. Please be assured that your receipt of this email means that we have received your complaint and are processing it. You will hear from us when we have made a determination about the disposition of your complaint. This is an automatic response generated electronically. Please keep a copy of this response for your records.

If you would like to attach files to your complaint, you can submit them by replying to this message and inserting the files as attachments to the message. Do not alter the subject line of the reply to ensure the timely processing of the additional files. Additionally, do not put any text in the body of your message. The body of the message WILL NOT be read – only the attachments.

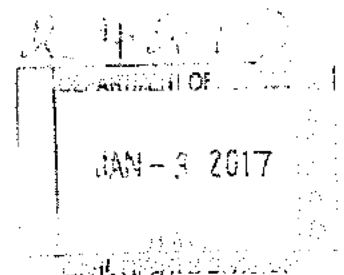
We will review the information you have submitted and will notify you of any action this office will take with respect to the issues you have raised. Please be advised that this office receives a large volume of correspondence from the public, and it may be some time before we have finished reviewing your complaint. If you would like to check on the status of your complaint, you may call the ADA Information Line at 800-514-0301 (voice); or 800-514-0383 (TTY).

To expedite processing of your status check, please retain your complaint number, (b) (6) - Privacy and your reference number, (b) (6) - Privacy for use when corresponding about this complaint.

Thank you for bringing these matters to our attention.

Disability Rights Section Staff

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in the car will dissuade those criminals, but it doesn't. A crafty thief can often pick a lock faster than you can open it with your key.

Following these simple tips will help keep you from being left out in the cold:

- Never leave your car running or the keys in the ignition when you are away from it, even for "just a minute."
- Keep valuables out of sight or in the trunk. Purses, credit cards, and cell phones in plain view only help attract thieves.

Immediately leave the scene to get help if you have any concerns for your safety.

- If your vehicle has an alarm or other anti-theft device, use it, and report any suspicious activity to the police immediately — when in doubt, call 911.

If you have any questions, please contact the Meriam Police Department at 913.322.5269. Remember, starting your day with a cold car is better than starting your day with a stolen car.

## A Partnership With Benefits

In 2014, the cities of Meriam and Overland Park began a unique collaborative agreement. The Overland Park Fire Department began providing Meriam an advanced-life support (ALS) paramedic and a medical quick-response vehicle. In return, Meriam has provided fire coverage for the northern-most parts of Overland Park.

"This has been an excellent match for both our organizations," said Meriam City Administrator Phil Lammers.

In fact, the arrangement has worked so well the cities are expanding their partnership in 2015. Beginning January 1st, the Overland Park Fire Department will provide all firefighting, fire investigation, fire training and fire code enforcement services for Meriam.

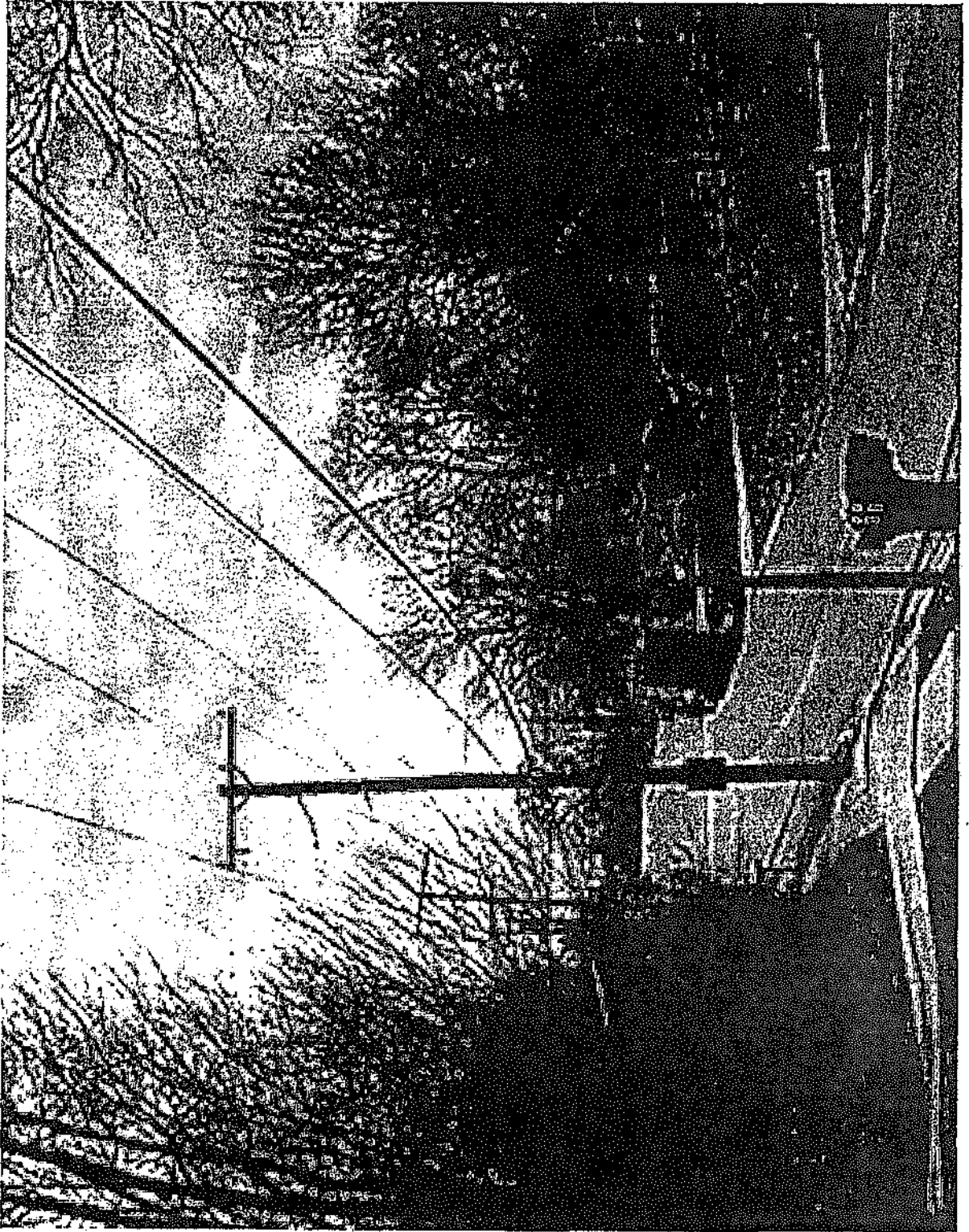
Meriam's twenty-one fire department employees will become part of Overland Park Fire, but the City of Meriam will retain ownership of the fire station and all fire equipment for use by the OP firefighters.



All of the trucks, equipment, and even uniforms will be marked in a manner that identifies both Meriam Fire and Overland Park Fire departments.

The unique partnership will save both cities money. Meriam officials estimate it may save half a million dollars over the course of the ten-year contract. Overland Park fire officials estimate the arrangement will save their city \$120,000 per year, in contract costs — all while maintaining the heightened service provisions of the ALS first response in both locations.

For additional information, visit [www.meriam.org/MFD](http://www.meriam.org/MFD).





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Civil Rights Division

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**Notice of Referral of Complaint for Appropriate Action**

To: Mr. Rafael DeLeon,  
Director, Office of Civil Rights  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Ariel Rios Building  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Room 2450  
Washington, D.C. 20460

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Merriam, KS 66203

From: Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Reference:

CTS# 581319; regarding Overland Park Kansas Fire Department, Overland Park, KS; received by DOJ on December 28, 2016

The Disability Rights Section has reviewed the enclosed complaint and determined that it raises issues that are more appropriately addressed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. We, therefore, are referring this complaint to that agency for appropriate action. This letter serves to notify that agency and the complainant of this referral. The Disability Rights Section will take no further action on this matter.

To check the status of the complaint, or to submit additional information, the complainant may contact the referral agency at the address above or at the following telephone number(s):

(202) 564-7272

If the agency has any questions or concerns about this referral or believes that it raises issues outside the agency's jurisdiction, please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Justice at the address and phone number attached hereto

DJ# 204-29-0

**U.S. Department of Justice**  
**Civil Rights Division**

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