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This letter is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request assigned FOIA Number NV-2014-014. You stated:

“Pursuant to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request a copy of statistics associated with law enforcement actions recorded associated with the timeframe and location of the BURNING MAN event for each of the years 2013, 2012, 2011 and 2010.

By statistics, I mean the breakdown of numbers associated with the various categories of BLM law enforcement/public safety actions during that time period at that location. I don't intend to limit it to criminal enforcement only. The finer the breakdown of categories, the more preferable for purposes of my research. I am not asking for information about any named individuals whatsoever.”

We are providing you one page regarding your response, without redaction. The Department of the Interior does not bill requesters for FOIA fees incurred in processing requests when their fees do not exceed \$50.00 because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected (43 CFR 2.49(a)(1)). Therefore, there is no billable fee for the processing of this request.

### Appeal Rights

If you consider this response to be a denial of your request under 43 C.F.R. §§ 2.57, you may appeal this response to the FOIA Appeals Officer. The FOIA Appeals Officer must receive your appeal no later than 30 workdays from the date of this letter responding to your FOIA request. Your appeal must be in writing and addressed to:

Freedom of Information Act Appeals Officer  
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You must include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and the BLM concerning your FOIA request, including your request and the BLM's response. Failure to include this documentation will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA Appeals Officer determines, in the FOIA Appeals Officer's sole discretion that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal. The appeal should be marked, both on the envelope and the face of the appeal letter, with the legend "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." Your letter should include in as much detail as possible the reason(s) why you believe the BLM's response is in error, including any information you have which leads you to believe responsive records do, in fact, exist within the BLM, and where they might be found, if the location is known to you.

You may submit your appeal to the FOIA Appeals Officer via mail, courier service, fax, or email. Note: Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday. Appeals delivered via courier to the Main Interior Building will not be accepted after 4:30 p.m. ET due to the Department's security requirements.

Records Not Covered by the FOIA (FOIA Exclusions)

Beginning October 1, 2012, the inclusion of the following statement is mandatory for all BLM FOIA response letters: For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

Should you have any questions, please contact Michelle Piland, BLM Nevada's Acting FOIA Specialist at (775) 861-6496, or via email at NV\_FOIA@blm.gov.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Scruggs  
Deputy State Director, Support Services

**Burning Man Event Law Enforcement Activity Summary  
(2010 - 2013)**

<u>Year</u>	<u>BRC POPULATION</u>	<u>BLM OPERATION # OF OFFICERS*</u>	<u>BLM LE ACTIONS CITATIONS/ARRESTS</u>	<u>BLM OFFICER/PARTICIPANT RATIO</u>
<b>2010</b>	51,515	51	293 (158 drug) / 9	1 per 1,010
<b>2011</b>	53,735	51	376 (218 drug) / 8	1 per 1,053
<b>2012</b>	52,385	70	365 (253 drug) / 14	1 per 748
<b>2013</b>	69,613	70	433 (309 drug) / 6	1 per 994