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Via: Email to [foia@metrarr.com](mailto:foia@metrarr.com)  
Attention: Freedom of Information Officer  
Metra  
546 West Jackson Boulevard #15-E  
Chicago, Illinois 60661

August 30th 2016

Dear FOIA Officer

This is a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140. I request copies of the most recent safety inspection of all Metra train stations including but not limited to their structures, walkways, and staircases, as well as any recommendations made by the inspector and whether Metra followed those recommendations.

Please email the information to [sam.stecklow@gmail.com](mailto:sam.stecklow@gmail.com).

South Side Weekly is an award-winning nonprofit newsprint magazine based in Hyde Park, dedicated to covering arts, culture, and politics on the South Side. Because I, the requestor, am a journalist, and I seek the information in order to disseminate it to the public, and because the information regards the safety, welfare, and legal rights of the general public, the request meets the statutory definition of “in the public interest.” This request is not for commercial benefit as defined in the statute because this request is made by a member of the nonprofit news media whose principal purpose is to access and disseminate information regarding the general public’s interest, safety, welfare, and legal rights. To the extent you intend to assess any charges, please notify me to discuss first.

Thank you for your time and prompt attention to this matter,

Sam Stecklow  
Reporter, South Side Weekly