Chief FOIA Officer Council
Technology Committee -
Update for FOIA Advisory Committee

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About Us

Members:
- We have over 40 members from at least 25 departments/agencies

2020 Accomplishments:
- Report of the Technology Committee of the Chief FOIA Officers (CFO) Council – Best Practices and Recommendations
- OIP Best Practices Workshop: FOIA and Technology
- Technology Committee added about 25 new members
- Established Eight FOIA Technology Working Groups
- Developing Working Group Charters
The eight Technology Committee Working Groups:

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Each working group is developing a charter with the scope of its responsibilities and target milestones for its work.
Video Redaction Working Group: Five Early Findings

- Video record retention schedules can vary.
- Tools vary in complexity- Match the tool to the job.
- Litigation can drive video redaction schedules and agency resource allocation.
- Earmarking funds for FOIA contractors with specialized skills can be efficient.
- As you build your FOIA programs out- consider adding video redaction skills to PD’s and performance plans.
Working Groups Next Steps

Finalize: Finalize Working Group Charters
Implement: Implement Plans in Charters
Hold: Hold Workshops on FOIA Technology Issues for the FOIA Community
  • Upcoming one for FOIA professionals in Fall
Complete: Complete work on recommendations in February 2020 Report
Solicit: Solicit Feedback from FOIA Advisory Committee, Chief FOIA Officer Council, federal agencies, and the public on topics of interest or shared best practices.
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