

Uber transparency reports kick off with data on second half of 2015

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Right after those leaks, <u>Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said</u>, "When governments ask Facebook for data, we review each request carefully to make sure they always follow the correct processes and all applicable laws, and then only provide the information if is required by law".

<u>Uber said</u> that in non-emergency situations, law enforcement require a subpoena, court order or search warrant. Good on *Uber* for releasing one, but it feels more like a publicity stunt in the company's ongoing anti-regulatory stance than anything particularly significant.

A large number of the law enforcement requests were related to fraud investigations or the use of stolen credit cards, according to the <u>report</u>.

The company also said it has "not received a <u>National Security Letter</u> or FISA order" as of the date of the report. Regardless, *Uber* did release some sort of data for all 33 of those requests.

Our transparency report is the first report addressing regulated transportation services and includes information about reporting requirements for regulatory agencies.

The company said it typically tries to narrow the amount of information given to regulators, but that its "efforts are typically rebuffed". *Uber* further details that information was provided "*as required*" in 21.2-percent of the cases, "*as required, after negotiating narrower scope*" in 42,4-percent of cases and "*as required, unsuccessfully tried to narrow scope*" in 36.7-percent of cases.

This report encapsulates *Uber's* ongoing fight with regulators.

Uber says it has received no requests for information related to matters of national security.

415 of the request for information came from law enforcement agencies.

Its compliance rate on airport regulations and law enforcement requests? The move comes less than a month after the Federal Bureau of Investigation abandoned its controversial bid to force Apple to give it backdoor access to an iPhone linked to a terrorist attack in San Bernardino.

"There seems to be much more sharing of personal data for a less important objective, which raises privacy flags for me", Jim Harper, senior fellow at thelibertarian think tank Cato Institute, tells <u>the Verge</u>.