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June 16, 2025

Stan Smith

Good day,

The Ocean County Sheriff's Office received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on or about June 13, 2025. The official Records Custodian, Michael J. Zolezi, received your OPRA request on June 13, 2025.

The following records were requested:

- "Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA), I am requesting access to the following records related to a boating incident that occurred on June 1, 2025, at approximately 10:15 PM near Channel Marker 14 in Barnegat Bay:
Incident Report: Any official reports detailing the circumstances of the crash.
Witness Statements: Statements from individuals who were present or have information about the incident.
Investigation Records: Documents pertaining to the investigation, including findings and conclusions.
Media Releases: Any public statements or press releases issued by the involved agencies."

The following is a line-by-line response to your requested items.

A. Requested records

1. Incident/crash/investigation reports, witness statements and media releases related to a boat crash on the Barnegat Bay on June 15, 2025 near Channel Marker. **The Ocean County Sheriff's Office did not participate in this crash investigation, there are no records on file with this Agency.**
2. Ocean County Communications 9-1-1 call audio and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) report related to this crash. **Audio recording of the 9-1-1 call and CAD report are attached to the email.**

This response is being communicated with you via e-mail.

This response completes your request.

OPRA: RIGHT OF APPEAL

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the seven (7) or fourteen (14) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the responding agency to deny access. At your option, you may either: 1) institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey; or 2) file



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a complaint with the Government Records Council ("GRC") by completing the Denial of Access Complaint Form. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County. Questions regarding the GRC's Denial of Access Complaint process can be directed to the GRC toll-free telephone at 866-850-0511, by mail at PO Box 819, Trenton, NJ, 08625, by e-mail at Government.Records@dca.nj.gov, or at their web site at www.state.nj.us/grc. The Council can answer general inquiries about OPRA.

The GRC can also answer other questions about the law. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County.

Sincerely,

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