

Dear Ms. Justice,

I am writing in response to your OPRA request of May 28, 2025. This response is provided within the statutory seven (7) business day requirement. For the below reason, your request is denied.

Your request seeks:

“I am requesting the number of drones and the type/make/model that are owned and operated by the Township and/or Police and/or Fire Department.”

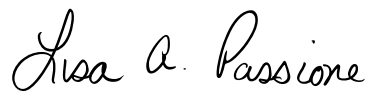
“I am requesting all police officers and fire department personnel that have a FAA Part 107 Drone License.”

“Amount of Money spent on Drones or drone related expenses for years 2019-2025 for township/police/fire.”

OPRA only allows requests for records, not requests for information. MAG Entm't, LLC v. Div. of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 546-49 (App. Div. 2005). In this regard, OPRA "is not intended as a research tool ... to force government officials to identify and siphon useful information." Id. at 546. In other words, a records custodian is not required "to conduct research among its records... and correlate data from various government records in the custodian's possession." Id. at 546-47. To qualify under OPRA then, the request must reasonably identify a record and not generally data, information or statistics.

We invite you to resubmit your request with greater clarity identifying specific documents. Until the Township receives clarification, this request is considered closed.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa A. Passione". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa A. Passione
Municipal Clerk