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VIA EMAIL: Investigator at Roguegov.org  
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Good afternoon,

Your OPRA was received on November 27, 2023. The 7-business day response deadline is set for December 6, 2023.

Your OPRA is as follows:

*“Dear Bridgeton City,*

*This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form. Please acknowledge receipt of this message.*

*Records requested:*

*List of the officers involved in the arrest. Their training records, history of rank. List of every arrest every officers involved and tickets written. All complaints lodged against these officers and the outcome. Their employee numbers, hiring dates, DOB, salaries and total pay.*

*Yours faithfully,  
Investigator at Roguegov.org”*

Please see the following responses to your request:

- **List of Officers involved in the arrest** – Please see attachment #1.
- **Their training records**– As to training records, this request is considered overly broad. A proper request under OPRA must identify with reasonable clarity those documents that are desired, and a party cannot satisfy this requirement by simply requesting all of an agency's documents. See Bent v. Stafford Police Department, 381 N.J.Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005). Custodians are not required to conduct research or create new records in response to an OPRA request. **Please provide a timeframe and/or category of training records to narrow down this request.**
- **History of Rank** - Please see attachment #1.

- **List of every arrest every officers involved and tickets written** – This request is considered overly broad. A proper request under OPRA must identify with reasonable clarity those documents that are desired, and a party cannot satisfy this requirement by simply requesting all of an agency's documents. See Bent v. Stafford Police Department, 381 N.J.Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005). Custodians are not required to conduct research or create new records in response to an OPRA request. **Please provide a timeframe for these requested documents.**
- **All complaints lodged against these officers and the outcome** – Additional time is needed to fulfill this part of your request. OPRA allows custodians to seek extensions of time pursuant to NJSA 47:1A-5.i. Specifically, OPRA states that, “the requestor shall be advised by the custodian when the record can be made available. If the record is not made available by that time, access shall be deemed denied.” Your request requires an extension of time until **December 20, 2023.**
- **Their employee numbers, hiring dates, DOB, salaries and total pay** – Please see attachment #1. Date of Birth will not be provided under N.J.S.A. 47:1A-10 – Expectation of Privacy – and under the common law because the public interest in confidentiality outweighs the interest in obtaining the information.

As stated above, we are respectfully requesting additional time to respond to a portion of your OPRA request. A response will be provided by **December 20, 2023.** At your earliest convenience, please provide additional clarification to the other requests as outlined above.

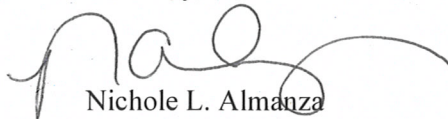
If you feel the City has neglected to provide what you have requested, or any part thereof, or if you believe there is some legal authority that supports your position, please notify us and we will be happy to reconsider our response or denial of access as the case may be.

**Mandatory Disclaimer:**

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within seven (7) business days required by law, you have the right to challenge the decision by the City of Bridgeton to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the Government Records Council (GRC) by completing the Denial of Access Complaint Form. You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at 866-850-0511, by mail at P.O. box 819, Trenton, NJ 08625, by e-mail at [grc@dca.state.nj.us](mailto:grc@dca.state.nj.us), or at their website at [www.state.nj.us/grc](http://www.state.nj.us/grc). 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.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,



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| Employee Id | Last Name, Suffix | First Name, M.I. | Hire Date  | Pension Salary | Rank                                                                                              |
|-------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BERTO010    | BERTOLINI         | DEENA J          | 11/13/2004 | 125,770.00     | Police Officer 2004-2015; Police Sergeant 2015-2022; Police Lieutenant 2022-Present               |
| BODIN005    | BODINE            | BRENT K          | 3/16/2009  | 98,282.00      | Police Officer 2009-Present                                                                       |
| CARRI010    | CARRION           | JULIO E          | 8/2/2021   | 56,294.00      | Police Officer 2021-Present                                                                       |
| MARTI003    | MARTINEZ          | CESAR            | 2/1/2021   | 54,994.00      | Police Officer 2021-Present                                                                       |
| NIEVE015    | NIEVES            | MARK             | 10/30/2023 | 41,600.00      | Special Law Enforcement Officer 2023-Present                                                      |
| OVERS005    | OVERSTREET        | DARREN J         | 7/13/2017  | 102,915.00     | Special Law Enforcement Officer 2015-2017; Police Officer 2017-2023; Police Sergeant 2023-Present |