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September 15, 2025/OPRA 496

Via email: opra+request-80723-8e2e3d2b@requests.opramachine.com

Local Constituent,

The Township of Washington received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on September 15, 2025. The official Records Custodian, Susan Witkowski, received your OPRA request on September. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is September 24, 2025. This response to your request is being provided the same day as custodian's receipt of said request.

Please see below records requested and response:

-Number of arrests made by the Department for all offenses from January 1st, 2025, to September 12th, 2025.

**OPRA is for documents, not questions.*

- Number of arrests made by the Department for Driving While Intoxicated in that same time frame.

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A "government record" means any record that has been made, maintained, or kept on file, or that has been received in the course of official business. P.L. 2024, c.16 includes an exception to the above where "possession" by an agency is "either by remote access to a computer network or by distribution as a courtesy copy" unless the creating or maintaining agency is part of the Judiciary. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(i)(1).

This OPRA is considered complete.

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Township of Washington 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, or at their web site at 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.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Susan Witkowski*

Susan Witkowski, RMC

Township Clerk

Township of Washington

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-----Original Message-----

From: Local Constituent <opra+request-80723-8e2e3d2b@requests.opramachine.com>

Sent: Saturday, September 13, 2025 12:37 AM

To: Town Clerk <townclerk@twpofwashington.us>

Subject: OPRA request - Arrest statistics CY 2025

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

Caution: External E-mail

Dear Washington Township (Bergen),

Please accept this electronic request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form or use a particular software platform to submit my request per NJSA 47:1A-6(f), which states that an email from a requestor including all of the information required on the adopted form shall suffice in place of a completed form as a valid government record request.

I HAVE NOT been convicted of any indictable offense under the laws of New Jersey, any other state, or the United States.

I WILL NOT use the requested government records for a commercial purpose.

I AM NOT seeking records in connection with a legal proceeding.

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- Number of arrests made by the Department for Driving While Intoxicated in that same time frame.

My preferred delivery method for response(s) to this request is by E-mail as attachments. Please confirm you have received this request. If you are not the custodian of records, please forward my request to that person and provide their email address to me for future reference.

Yours faithfully,

Local Constituent

Please deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:

opra+request-80723-8e2e3d2b@requests.opramachine.com

Is townclerk@twpofwashington.us the wrong address for OPRA requests to Washington Township (Bergen)? If so, please contact us using this form:

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View this OPRA request & responses online:

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Please note that in some cases publication of requests and responses will be delayed.

If you find this service useful as an OPRA custodian, please ask your web manager to link to us from your organisation's website.

"OPRAMachine's mission is to give people easy and affordable access to New Jersey public records.

For more information, contact us at: (732) 707-1628 or PO Box 3180, New Brunswick, NJ 08903."