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August 9, 2021

Via email only (opra+request-25180-ecb5f466@requests.opramachine.com)

LetMeBeFrank

OPRAMachine

Re: Open Public Records Act/Common Law Records Request

Dear LetMeBeFrank:

The West Deptford Township Records Custodian received your request for records pursuant to the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) and the New Jersey common law right of access on August 5, 2021. Accordingly, the initial seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request under OPRA is August 16, 2021. This response is being provided on the second business day after receipt of your request.

Your records request was as follows:

From: LetMeBeFrank <opra+request-25180-ecb5f466@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 5, 2021 10:21 AM
To: Lee Ann DeHart <lDeHart@westdeptford.com>
Subject: OPRA request - Body Cam Data

Dear West Deptford Township,

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:

- 1) As of Friday, July 30th, 2021, How many body cams currently in Police Department inventory?
- 2) Where were those cameras on the evening of Friday, July 30th, from 5pm - midnight?
- 3) As of July 30th, 2021 How many body cams were ordered for police department, enough for all force members or enough for on-duty officers?
- 4) What date were body cams ordered?
- 5) Have any additional cameras been ordered since?

Yours faithfully,
Anonymous

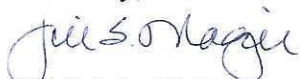
After consultation with the Township Solicitor, your request is denied for the following reason(s):

Request for Information. Your request seeks information and does not identify specific government records, it is an invalid request and is therefore denied. *Doe v. Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey*, 466 N.J. Super. 14 (App. Div. 2021); *Burke v. Brandes*, 429 N.J. Super. 169, 174 (App. Div. 2012); *MAG Entertainment, LLC v. Div. of Alcoholic Beverage Control*, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 546 (App. Div. 2005); *Bent v. Twp. of Stafford Police Dep't.*, 381 N.J. Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005); *N.J. Builders Ass'n v. N.J. Council on Affordable Hous.*, 390 N.J. Super. 166, 180 (App. Div. 2007); *Schuler v. Borough of Bloomsbury (Hunterdon)*, GRC Complaint No. 2007-151 (February 2009); *Rummel v. Cumberland Cnty. Bd. of Chosen Freeholders*, GRC Complaint No. 2011-168 (December 2012); *Harris v. N.J. Dep't of Corr.*, GRC Complaint No. 2011-66 (August 2012); *Lopez vs. N.J. Dep't of Corr.*, GRC Complaint No. 2008-250 (November 2009).

To the extent you are requesting specific government records, please clarify your request by identifying the specific records requested.

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 West Deptford Clerk's office 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,



Jill S. Magill, RMC

Deputy Clerk

jmagill@westdeptford.com

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