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Applicant: Valentina Moreno

Information Requested: Dear Branchburg Township,

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.

Records requested:

I respectfully request the following records from the Branchburg Township Police Department for tabular data; PDF for policies/directives). If any item below is unclear or overly burdensome to produce as written, please provide the closest readily-available equivalent data and a brief note describing the difference.

Clarifying Dates: Please provide the following dates or month-year approximations:

The date (or month and year) when any sworn officers first began using body-worn cameras, including pilot, trial, or limited deployments.

The date (or month and year) when the body-worn camera program became fully operational department-wide, or the closest equivalent milestone used by the department.

If deployment occurred in phases, a brief description of those phases (e.g., units covered, approximate number of officers, or patrol assignments).

The date when funding was approved for the body worn camera program.

Body-Worn Cameras (BWC) – Historical Deployment

Please provide the following data for each month from the initial training stages of BWC program through February 2023 (9 months after department wide deployment beginning in May 2022):

Number of sworn officers assigned a body-worn camera (or number of active BWC users) per month.

Make and model of body-worn cameras in use during each month.

Total body-worn camera activations (all trigger sources combined).

Number of body-worn camera activations initiated by manual activation per month.

Monthly body-worn camera activation rate attributable to manual activation (see below).

BWC Activation Compliance (CSV preferred)

Please provide any existing reports, dashboards, audits, or summary outputs maintained by the department that reflect body-worn camera activation compliance/adherence (e.g., "required activations," "missed activations," "activation compliance rate," "BWC adherence," or similar), including any definitions used to determine when activation was "required" for the time period specified above.

If no such compliance/adherence metric is maintained, please provide the closest readily-available monthly counts that would allow calculation of a dispatch-based compliance measure, such as:

Denominator: the number of dispatched calls for service (CAD events) in which at least one BWC-equipped officer was dispatched/responded, or the closest equivalent count used by the department.

Numerator: the number of dispatched calls for service that have at least one associated BWC recording, using any existing linkage field(s) already used by the department (e.g., CAD incident number, case/report number, evidence ID/tag).

If available, monthly counts of "no associated video" with any existing reason codes (e.g., equipment malfunction, policy exception, officer not equipped, privacy restriction).

Outcomes:

Please provide the following data for each month from August 2021 through February 2023.

Total use of force incidents by month, with breakdown by type: firearm discharge, TASER/CEW, baton/impact, physical restraint/control, chemical spray, K-9 bite, other (list categories used).

Total arrests by month (specify violent and nonviolent).

Total citizen complaints and sustained complaints, by month. Breakdown by excessive force, biased policing, racial profiling, criminal conduct; and the number sustained in each category.

Total calls for service (CFS) by month. If readily available, please provide monthly counts cross-tabulated by (1) initiation type (citizen-initiated vs officer-initiated/on-view) and (2) disposition/outcome, using existing CAD/RMS classifications.

Policies (PDF preferred)

Please provide copies of all current and superseded policies, directives, training materials, or bulletins from 2022-present concerning BWC activation procedures, rules, and consequences for noncompliance.

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,

Valentina Moreno

Response: 1-14-2026 - The township is still compiling the data repsonsive to this request. A response will be forthcoming by January 23, 2026.

SDL Portal page for OPRA Request

Attachments

