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Via email: Opra+request-76836-87127d5a@requests.opramachine.com

Re: OPRA Request 2025-538, Received May 27, 2025

Dear Requestor,

On May 27, 2025, the Township of West Milford received your request for government records pursuant to the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA"). Please accept this letter as our response pursuant to OPRA. Responsive records are enclosed.

To the extent that any record is not produced and or provided record is redacted, "a public agency has a responsibility and an obligation to protect a citizen's personal information that is in the possession of a public agency when disclosure of that information would violate the citizen's reasonable expectation of privacy." Burnett v. Cnty. of Bergen, 198 N.J. 408 (2009); N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1; N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 (19). Moreover, your request concerns law enforcement's responses to medical calls, and actions taken and composed of "... medical ... diagnosis, treatment or evaluation." See Executive Order No. 26 (McGreevey 2002). The Government Records Counsel has determined that police reports related to such calls are confidential and exempt from disclosure. Rivera v. Town of West New York (Hudson), GRC Complaint No. 2010-208 (2013) (police reports documenting medical emergencies, while not exempt as a criminal investigatory records, are "akin to the EMS report determined to be exempt from disclosure under OPRA pursuant to EO 26 in in Bart v. City of Passaic, GRC Complaint No. 2007-162 (April 2008)"). Lastly, domestic violence records and reports pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:25-33, are confidential except for parties and their counsel of record in the underlying domestic violence matter.

Your OPRA request is now deemed answered and closed. If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the statutory timeframe required by law, you have a right to challenge the denial of 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,

Lt. Matthew Kloo
Records Custodian