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Dear Tim:

This letter serves as a response to your OPRA request directed solely to the Kingston Volunteer Fire Company received by the South Brunswick Fire District No. 3 on January 22, 2024. Your request sought "all financial documents from the Kingston Volunteer Fire Company for year 2019. I also request all check registry's, receipts and any other financial document in possession of the Kingston Volunteer Fire Company."

Please be advised that due to a New Jersey Supreme Court decision in Verry v. Franklin Fire District No. 1, 230 N.J. 285 (2017), a fire company is not considered a public agency subject to OPRA. Accordingly, the Fire Company is not required to respond to requests for their records from the public.

If you believe that 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. 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, New Jersey 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 the Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your county.

Very truly yours,

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