

Christopher Battiloro

From: Paul <pmjr66@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 7:19 PM
To: Christopher Battiloro
Subject: Terminate the dangerous Officer Taha immediately Chief!!

After watching the now viral video of Officer Taha pulling someone over speeding, when he wasn't, and Taha swearing to it, saying the radar doesn't lie...only to find out he never even used radar is absolutely disgusting!! This Officer Taha is a rookie and already he's a corrupt, lying snake!! How do you employ people like Taha, and expect the public to have any trust when his corruption was caught on video already? Officer Taha is going to be a bad police officer and we the people demand his termination while he's on probation before he gets even worse!!! Do the right thing chief as we don't need officers like Taha!! Watch the video and if you stick up for Taha...we know you're part of the corruption!

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Christopher Battiloro

From: Brett Shaver <brettshaver1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2023 11:17 AM
To: Jason Carter; Christopher Battiloro
Subject: Re: Taha 218

Is the investigation complete? Its been about 2 weeks, will those results be shared with the public

On Thu, Aug 17, 2023 at 5:22 PM Brett Shaver <brettshaver1@gmail.com> wrote:

We dont believe your bullshit statement.

Officers dont just pick up that behavior out of a hat, that is taught and learned.

Eyes are on your corrupt department

On Wed, Aug 16, 2023 at 4:56 PM Brett Shaver <brettshaver1@gmail.com> wrote:

We the people are watching your whole department. DO NOT ENGAGE in any further corruption.

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From: Maureen Lawshe <townclerk@westfieldnj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 4:10 PM
To: Christopher Battiloro
Cc: James Gildea; Heather Re; Madeline Colandro; Neha Patel
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] OPRA request - E-mails to/from/naming officer Ayad Taha from August 1st, 2023 to August 29,2023.

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Yours faithfully,

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Christopher Battiloro

From: Christopher Battiloro
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 4:26 PM
To: Jason Carter
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] OPRA request - E-mails to/from/naming officer Ayad Taha from August 1st, 2023 to August 29,2023.

As discussed. Please address with Officer Taha. Ty!!!

Chief Christopher Battiloro
Emergency Management Coordinator
Westfield Police Department
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Westfield, NJ 07090
Tel: 908-789-4000
Fax: 908-789-4007
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From: Maureen Lawshe <townclerk@westfieldnj.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023 11:29 AM
To: Christopher Battiloro
Cc: James Gildea; Heather Re; Kim Forde
Subject: OPRA
Attachments: Anonymous-final.docx

Chief, please see the attached response letter that will be sent out later today.

Sincerely,
Maureen

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To: Neha Patel
Cc: James Gildea; Christopher Battiloro
Subject: [REDACTED] OPRA request [REDACTED] ACP
Attachments: [REDACTED] ACP

ACP/ACD

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To: Neha Patel <npatel@ammm.com>; Maureen Lawshe <townclerk@westfieldnj.gov>
Cc: Jason Carter <JCarter@wpdnj.org>; James Gildea <administrator@westfieldnj.gov>
Subject: [REDACTED] ACP [REDACTED] OPRA request [REDACTED] ACP

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Chief Christopher Battiloro
Emergency Management Coordinator
Westfield Police Department
425 E. Broad Street
Westfield, NJ 07090
Telephone: 908-789-4000
E-mail: cbattiloro@wpdnj.org

From: Neha Patel <npatel@ammm.com>
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 7:03:08 PM
To: Maureen Lawshe <townclerk@westfieldnj.gov>; Christopher Battiloro <CBattiloro@wpdnj.org>
Cc: Jason Carter <JCarter@wpdnj.org>; James Gildea <administrator@westfieldnj.gov>
Subject: RE: [ACP] [REDACTED] OPRA request [ACP] [REDACTED]

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 1:05 PM
To: Westfield Police Department; Christopher Battiloro
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Contact WPD

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First Name	Joel
Last Name	Watts
Phone Number	PII
Email Address	vietnamnr@gmail.com
Address	Main
City	Boston
State	MA - Massachusetts
Zip Code	02435
Message	Officer Taha. I just watch this officer retaliate I guess a man and wrote him a ticket for reckless driving or speeding or something in reality the man didn't do any of the above I pray for the good people of Westfield that you are not going to hire this officer unbelievable pompous arrogant coward is nothing but a danger I repeat a danger to the people of Westfield
Select a person, division and/or bureau (optional)	Chief Christopher Battiloro
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From: Alexis Tarrazi <alexis.tarrazi@patch.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 10:51 AM
To: Christopher Battiloro
Subject: Traffic Investigation Update

Good morning Chief Battiloro,

I wanted to see if you had an update to the internal investigation into the video of the traffic stop with Officer Taha? Do you know how long the investigation is estimated to take?

Thank you,
Alexis

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Alexis Tarrazi
Deputy Regional Manager of New Jersey
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Last Name	Mcneely
Phone Number	PII
Email Address	Randymcneely1@gmail.com
Address	REP
City	Phoenix
State	AZ - Arizona
Zip Code	85015
Message	Hello: I just finished watching another video of officers in your department going out of their way to behave like a gang of thugs in blue. Rookie officer "Taha"(sic) sure learned how to lie and harass citizens exercising their First Amendment freedoms fast, is their a class that the department or the union offers officers on how to spit on the constitution when you're fragile little ego gets hurt?

I used to back law enforcement 100% but video after video of officers behaving like thugs has changed my mind. You are no more a defender of freedom than joe Biden or any gangster, in fact, you are worse because you make a mental decision every shift to act like a donkey.
Never will I automatically respect an officer again.

Select a person, division
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Chief Christopher Battiloro, Chaplain Deacon Keith Gibbons,
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Christopher Battiloro

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 10:36 PM
To: Westfield Police Department; Christopher Battiloro; Keith Gibbons; Lauren Maloney; Elizabeth Savnik; Robert Desiato; Lauren Maloney; Jason Carter; Kevin OKeefe
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Contact WPD

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First Name	Randy
Last Name	Mcneely
Phone Number	PII
Email Address	Randymcneely1@gmail.com
Address	REP
City	Phoenix
State	AZ - Arizona
Zip Code	85015
Message	Hello: I just finished watching another video of officers in your department going out of their way to behave like a gang of thugs in blue. Rookie officer "Taha"(sic) sure learned how to lie and harass citizens exercising their First Amendment freedoms fast, is their a class that the department or the union offers officers on how to spit on the constitution when you're fragile little ego gets hurt? I used to back law enforcement 100% but video after video of officers behaving like thugs has changed my mind. You are no more a defender of freedom than joe Biden or any gangster, in fact, you are worse because you make a mental decision every shift to act like a donkey. Never will I automatically respect an officer again.
Select a person, division and/or bureau (optional)	Chief Christopher Battiloro, Chaplain Deacon Keith Gibbons, Community Policing Bureau, Humane Law Enforcement Officer

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Christopher Battiloro

From: Chris Craven <chris.craven@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 6:34 PM
To: Christopher Battiloro
Subject: Ayad Taha lying on camera.

I was extremely troubled by video of your officer caught lying on camera and was wondering if you had any comment on this issue?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xZIS0V7Z_k8&t=7s

Was there anything in this video that was inaccurate? Bc if that is not the case then this officer needs to be terminated.

Chris

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Christopher Battiloro

From: Christopher Battiloro
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 6:30 PM
To: John Williams
Subject: RE: Not a good look but a possible way to help with the reaction

Thank you for your e-mail, Sir.

This are the only constructive comments that I have received today.

Be well and stay safe!!!

Chief Christopher Battiloro
Emergency Management Coordinator
Westfield Police Department
425 E. Broad Street
Westfield, NJ 07090
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From: John Williams <jwilliams87311@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 5:37 PM
To: Christopher Battiloro <CBattiloro@wpdnj.org>
Subject: Not a good look but a possible way to help with the reaction

Chief Battiloro,

I'm a 51 year old conservative military retiree and a former LEO. My oldest son is currently a LEO. I consider myself to be in the demographic that supports the police in America today. I'll keep this short, Chief, this was not a good look for your department. Was it horrible? No, but this was an absolute soup sandwich of a stop from Officer Taha, from beginning to end. And the actual ticket? What the hell was that? Did he get him on radar or not? Regardless, I know we all have to hit the street solo sometime but I think Officer Taha might need a bit more close supervision. And if he did initiate the stop due to the guy flipping him off Officer Taha better get some thicker skin quick or think about another line of work.

I will leave you with a bit of advice, Chief; address this quickly on your social media platforms. You don't have to and should even acknowledge anything was possibly done incorrectly. Just say the interaction will be looked into and if any mistakes, policy violations, etc were made they will be addressed. Mention something like that one of the department's goals is doing a better job everyday. You will be surprised at how fast that will quiet down the FB comments and phone calls you are likely getting. I actually don't watch these videos for the interactions or legal aspects. I'm well versed in most of them. I watch to see how the agencies react. The dynamics of social media and how agencies succeed or fail at using it fascinates me. I will be checking your FB over the next couple of days to see how it goes. I have seen a good number of fairly bad policing interactions fade pretty fast if the agency leadership at least acknowledges the interaction. And I have seen some pretty benign interactions like this one clog up social media platforms for way longer than they should have when they didn't. Good luck, Chief. And thank you for looking out for the folks of Westfield. Take care and be safe.

Respectfully,
John Williams

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Christopher Battiloro

From: Fred Rideout <fredcrideout737@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 5:59 PM
To: MayorBrindle@westfieldnj.gov; Christopher Battiloro
Subject: COP CAUGHT LYING

Just to inform you of the lying cop Taha is going to end up costing your town money. You need to direct your chief to properly educate the cops who are under his command. Lying and handing out illegal tickets to boost your towns bottom line isn't what policing is/or should be about.

Fred Rideout

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Christopher Battiloro

From: Brett Shaver <brettshaver1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 4:57 PM
To: Christopher Battiloro; Jason Carter
Subject: Taha 218

We the people are watching your whole department. DO NOT ENGAGE in any further corruption.

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