

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD**  
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**REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT RECORDS**  
**(N.J.S.A. 47:1A – 1, et seq.)**  
**GOVERNMENT RECORDS REQUEST RESPONSE**

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**DATE:** August 31, 2023

The Town of Westfield received your Open Public Records (OPRA)/Common Law request on August 31, 2023, for which you sought access to the following:

1. Total number of body cameras currently deployed in the police department
2. Date on which body cameras were deployed to any of the police officers for the first time (year and month)
3. All invoices of body camera purchases (if body cameras were purchased)
4. Dates of initial body camera assignment for each police officer

A response to your request is as follows:

OPRA requires that custodians must ordinarily grant immediate access to invoices (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.e). Your request requires additional time to fulfill as adequate time is needed to identify and retrieve records that may be responsive to your request. OPRA allows custodians to seek extensions of time pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.i. Specifically, OPRA states that, “the requestor shall be advised by the custodian when the record can be made available. If the record is not made available by that time, access shall be deemed denied.”

Your request requires an extension of time until September 12, 2023.

The remaining portions of your request will be responded to within the given seven (7) day timeframe (September 12, 2023)

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Town of Westfield 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](mailto:grc@dca.state.nj.us), or at their web site at [www.state.nj.us/grc](http://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.

Dated: August 31, 2023



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