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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: September 11, 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

As you are aware, the Town of Westfield responded to your request via email on August 31, 2023 and advised you that additional time until September 12, 2023 was needed to fulfill your request.

A response to your request is as follows:

Request 1

Please be advised your request seeks information or asks questions and does not identify specific government records sought. A proper request under OPRA must identify with reasonable clarity those documents that are desired. However, every sworn officer with the Westfield Police Department (62 sworn officers), including the Chief of Police is presently assigned a Body-Worn Camera.

Request 2

Please be advised your request seeks information or asks questions and does not identify specific government records sought. A proper request under OPRA must identify with reasonable clarity those documents that are desired. However, Body Worn Cameras were deployed on a limited trail basis in 2019. The Westfield Police Department then deployed the Body Worn Cameras on or about June 30, 2020 to the department. A "Statement of Chief of Police on Body Worn Cameras" (1 page) is being provided to you in its entirety.

Request 3

The following records are being provided to you in their entirety and are responsive to your request:

1. Axon Enterprise, Inc. Invoice No. S1-1573097 (4 pages)

2. Axon Enterprise, Inc. Invoice No. S1-1578922 (2 pages)
3. Axon Enterprise, Inc. Invoice No. S1-1643604 (2 pages)
4. Axon Enterprise, Inc. Invoice No. S1-1717795 (1 page)
5. Axon Enterprise, Inc. Invoice No. INUS039389 (2 pages)
6. Axon Enterprise, Inc. Invoice No. INUS039390 (2 pages)

Request 4

The Town of Westfield has no records responsive to this request as the Westfield Police Department has indicated they do not maintain a listing of dates of initial body camera assignment for each police officer.

This response is being provided to you via email as per your request.

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, 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.

Dated: September 11, 2023



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