

TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK
Doug Ruccione, Town Clerk
Custodian of Records
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
818 TEANECK ROAD
TEANECK, NEW JERSEY 07666

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

January 16, 2026

Y S

opra+request-84471-b24fe1b8@requests.opramachine.com

OPRA 25-2202

Mr. Fiortini,

The Township of Teaneck Clerk's Office received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on December 22, 2025. The request submitted was:

“All body worn camera footage and dash camera footage in regards to a motor vehicle accident, car vs bicyclist, on Degraw and Frank W Burr at approximately 18:30 on December 8th 2025”

Records Responsive:

This letter is to serve as our response to your aforementioned request. We appreciate the time given for our Police Department to gather potentially responsive records. The Police Department has twelve (12) Body Worn Camera activated with combined footage of eight (8) hours and ten (10) minutes related to the requested incident. Also there are seven (7) MVR videos with a combined footage of nine (9) hours and thirty (30) minutes. Total footage time is seventeen (17) hours and forty-one (41) minutes.

OPRA allows public agencies to impose special service charges whenever the nature, format, manner of collation, or volume of a government record embodied in the form of printed matter to be inspected, examined, or copied pursuant to this section is such that the record cannot be reproduced by ordinary document copying equipment in ordinary business size or when fulfilling a request requires an extraordinary expenditure of time and effort. See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.c. Special service charges must be based upon the actual direct cost of providing the copy or copies.

OPRA mandates that the requestor shall have the opportunity to review and object to the charge prior to it being incurred. See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.c. As such, a detailed estimate is provided below:

The Township's lowest level employee capable of fulfilling the request can perform the work at a direct hourly rate of \$66.65 per hour, with an estimated total of fifty-three (53) hours anticipated to complete the request, for a total estimated special service charge of \$3,532.45. We will require a deposit of 50% to be paid in the amount of \$1,766.22 prior to work being started, with the balance due upon completion. Please be advised there is potential for the time expended to exceed our initial estimate; and any additional expense would be compensated for by the requester.

Kindly respond in writing with your acceptance or rejection of this estimated charge. We will not begin to process this request until we receive your written acceptance and payment of the 50% deposit.

If you reject the estimated charge and you wish to challenge the special service charge, 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, 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,

Doug Ruccione, Township Clerk
Township of Teaneck
201-837-1600 x1025
clerk@teanecknj.gov