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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: May 28, 2020

The Town of Westfield received your Open Public Records (OPRA) request on May 28, 2020, for which a response is due on/before June 8, 2020.

Your request sought access to the following:

1. A list of all lawsuits and cases in which any officer of the police department was involved between 2012 and 2019. For each lawsuit/case, please provide the date (month and year) of the alleged incident at issue, whether the alleged incident was excessive force, settlement amount (if any), and final compensation amount ruled (if any).
2. Please provide copies of the complaint in any lawsuits and cases described above.

Due to the pandemic, there is a limited number of employees reporting to the municipal building, which has created a delay in the availability of personnel needed to provide responsive records to the custodian of records. As such, please be advised that additional time until June 29, 2020 is needed to fulfill your request. As per P.L. 2020.c.10, the seven (7) business day deadline by which a public agency is required to respond to requests for government records does not apply during a period of a declared State of Emergency, Public Health Emergency, or State of Local Disaster Emergency.

This response to your request is being provided 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, or within a reasonable amount of time during a state of emergency, public health emergency, or state of local disaster emergency, 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:

5/28/20


Tara Rowley, RMC
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