



Municipal Clerk <clerk@hopewelltpw-nj.com>

OPRA request - OPRA: police officer-involved lawsuits 2012-2019

1 message

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Wed, May 27, 2020 at 3:05 PM

To: "OPRA requests at Hopewell Township (Cumberland)" <clerk@hopewelltpw-nj.com>

Dear Hopewell Township (Cumberland),

This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form. Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Records requested:

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.

Yours faithfully,

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Please use deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:
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Is clerk@hopewelltpw-nj.com the wrong address for OPRA requests to Hopewell Township (Cumberland)? If so, please contact us using this form:

https://opramachine.com/change_request/new?body=hopewell_township_cumberland

Disclaimer: This message and any reply that you make will be published on the internet. Our privacy and copyright policies:

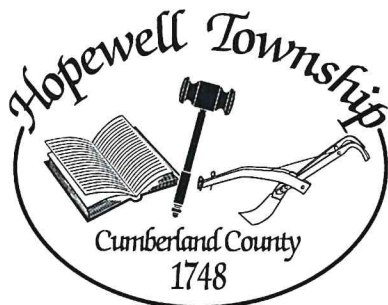
<https://opramachine.com/help/officers>

View this OPRA request & responses online:

https://opramachine.com/request/opra_police_officer_involved_law_94

Please note that in some cases publication of requests and responses will be delayed.

If you find this service useful as an OPRA custodian, please ask your web manager to link to us from your organisation's website.



Mayor Bruce R. Hankins
Vice Mayor Paul Ritter III
Joseph C. Shoemaker, Jr.
Gregory Facemyer
Robin S. Freitag

Date: 5/28/20

To: K.M

See below in response to your OPRA request received by the City Clerk's Office on 5/28/20.
(See Disclaimer on Pg 2)

☒ Please be advised there are no records responsive to your request

☐ See attached, no Redactions were made.

☐ See attached, redactions were made pursuant to (see statute(s) below with "x" mark(s)):

☐ Denied, the provisions of the Open Public Records Act do not allow the disclosure of records pursuant to (see statute(s) below with "x" mark(s)):

Billing information:

Amount Due: \$0.00 must be received prior to release of record

Payment information:

Returned Check: Check No. _____ in the amount of _____

Payment Received: Check No. _____ in the amount of _____

Exceptions to Public Access to Government Records:

- ☐ Attorney/Client Privilege N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 et seq.
- ☐ Autopsy Reports, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- ☐ Broad or Unclear- Case Law: MAG Entertainment LLC v. Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control
- ☐ Cause of Death- Executive Order No. 18
- ☐ Child abuse or sex assault victim name or address, N.J.S.A. 2A:82-46b
- ☐ Court records excluded from Public access, Court Rule 1:38-3
- ☐ Communications between City and Insurance Company N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 et seq
- ☐ Computer security information, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- ☐ Criminal investigatory records, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- ☐ Credit Card Numbers, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- ☐ Grand Jury testimony, information, Court Rule 3:6-7
- ☐ Grievance information with public employer, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- ☐ Domestic Violence data, N.J.S.A. 2C:25-33, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 (5) a
- ☐ Drivers' license numbers, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- ☐ DYFS information, N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.10
- ☐ Electronic Surveillance Materials, N.J.S.A. 2A:156A-19
- ☐ Emergency or security information or procedures, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- ☐ Employee sexual harassment complaints N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- ☐ Fingerprint Cards, Executive Order 69
- ☐ Case Law Melton v. City of Camden, 2011-233 (2013) Exempts photos of people arrested from disclosure
- ☐ Information that is disclosed would give an advantage to competitors or bidders N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1
- ☐ Proprietary Information - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1
- ☐ Inter-agency or intra-agency advisory, consultative or deliberative communications, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.

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___ Identifying Information of Juveniles or Juvenile records, N.J.S.A. 2A:4A-60
___ Labor Negotiation information, strategy or positions, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
___ Medical Examiner Photographs, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
___ Ongoing Investigations N.J.S.A. 47:1A-3.a.
___ Otherwise inappropriate material, Executive Order 69
___ Pension and personnel records, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
___ Photographs, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.; Exec. Order 69
___ Pre-Sentence Investigations, State v. DeGeorge, 113 N.J. Super.542 (App. Div. 1971)
___ Public Agency insurance communications, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
___ Safety of persons or public, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.:Exec. Order 69
___ Security measures and surveillance techniques, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
___ Social Security Numbers, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
___ Telephone Numbers, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
___ Victim locations (Domestic Violence), N.J.S.A. 2C:25-26c.
___ Victim records, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
___ Record has been destroyed/not retained pursuant to: Records Retention and Disposition Schedule (NJ Dept. of State, Div. of Archives Mgmt.)
___ Personal Identifying Information, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
___ Privacy Interest - "a public agency has a responsibility and an obligation to safeguard from public access a citizen's personal information with which it has been entrusted when disclosure thereof would violate the citizen's reasonable expectation of privacy." N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
___ Vital Records – Executive Order No. 21

NOTE: Court documents can be requested through the NJ Judiciary website at www.judiciary.state.nj.us

If you feel the City has neglected to provide what you have requested, or any part thereof, or if you believe there is some legal authority that supports your position, please notify us and we will be happy to reconsider our response or denial of access as the case may be.

Mandatory Disclaimer:

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within seven (7) business days required by law, you have the right to challenge the decision by the Hopewell Township 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 website 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

If you have any questions please contact my office.
Cordially yours,

John Hitchner
Acting Clerk

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