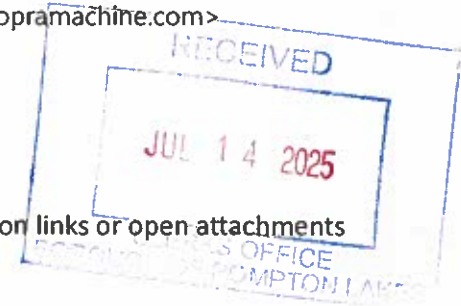


Kathy Troast

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Subject: Re: OPRA Request - Police Chief Retirement



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Dear Kathy Troast,

To clarify, this OPRA request is asking for:

Any communications regarding Chief Derek Clark's retirement, including discussion of potential dates;

No responsive Documents

Notice of intent to retire;

No responsive Documents

The borough's acceptance of said retirement; — *Resolution 25-240 — previously sent*

Communications regarding an exit contract, and said exit contract. —

No responsive Documents — Personnel

The attached information states former Chief Clark's retirement date as January 1, 2026, accepted by the council on June 25, 2025. To be clear, is Derek Clark still considered the current chief of police if his official retirement date is January 1, 2026? (And is this because on January 1, 2026, Clark gets a raise which increases his pension, which also seems to mean that the 10% longevity amount is increased as of that date?)

Also, does the borough maintain that there is nothing in writing showing that Chief Clark put in notice to retire before June 25, 2025? There is an email circulating on social media, written by Michael Carelli on April 25, 2025, stating that the town of Pompton Lakes would need an announcement for chief of police, also stating that there was a pending retirement and that the town would need to promote a new chief via a waiver. It does seem like the town was aware months ago that Chief Clark would be retiring. Are there zero other borough communications in writing regarding the retirement?

Yours sincerely,

Debbie P.

-----Original Message-----

In response to your inquiry please find attached information. This will
conclude the OPRA request.

Kathy

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