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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 8, 2025

The Town of Westfield received your Open Public Records (OPRA) request on August 21, 2025, which your request sought access to the following:

- Requesting cost breakdown of Police “take home vehicles” to include total number, maintenance, extra insurance costs, liability, milage logs, total milage of 2024 and 2025 to present of each vehicle. If this is not in any format I am requesting any documentation that includes any and all of these points.

A response to your request is as follows:

As you are aware, the Town of Westfield responded to your request via email on September 2, 2025, and advised you that additional time until September 11, 2025, was needed to fulfill your request. A final response to your request is as follows:

The following records are being provided with redactions and are responsive to your request:

1. Westfield Police Department Vehicle Information 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe (18 pages)
2. Westfield Police Department Vehicle Information 2023 Ford Explorer (3 pages)
3. Westfield Police Department Vehicle Information 2024 Ford Explorer (5 pages)
4. Westfield Police Department Vehicle Information 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe (27 pages)
5. Westfield Police Department Vehicle Information 2022 Dodge Durango (19 pages)
6. Westfield Police Department Vehicle Information 2019 Ford Explorer (14 pages)

Redactions to the above-listed records have been made pursuant to the following authorities:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 and N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, portions of the requested record have been redacted to prevent disclosure of vehicle license plate numbers and serial/VIN numbers assigned to undercover law enforcement vehicles. Disclosure of this information would compromise the safety and effectiveness of law enforcement operations and personnel.

Furthermore, under N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 Exemption No. 11, records may be exempt from disclosure if they pertain to “emergency or security information or procedures for any buildings or facility which, if disclosed, would jeopardize security.” The license plate numbers and VINs of certain police vehicles constitute security-sensitive operational information, the disclosure of which could compromise covert surveillance efforts and officer safety.

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 8, 2025

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