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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: March 1, 2023

The Town of Westfield received your Open Public Records (OPRA)/Common Law request on February 27, 2023, for which a response is due on/before March 8, 2023. Your request sought access to the following:

1. Policy or procedures for police officers when called for an animal bite.
2. Total number of body cameras currently deployed in the police department.
3. Date on which body cameras were deployed to any of the police officers for the first time (year and month).

Please be advised portions of this request seeks information or asks questions and does not identify specific government records. A proper request under OPRA must identify with reasonable clarity those documents that are desired, and a party cannot satisfy this requirement by simply requesting all of an agency's documents. However, answers are below that are responsive to your request.

Please be advised the Westfield Police Department has indicated they do not have a policy for animal bites. The Westfield Police Department purchased the Body Worn Camera's in March of 2019. The Camera's were demoed to the department prior to the March 2019 but all Body Worn Camera's (63 in total, one per officer) were deployed in March 2019.

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: March 1, 2023



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