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RE: OPRA Request Dated January 22, 2024

Dear Tim:

The South Brunswick Board of Fire Commissioners for the South Brunswick Fire District No. 3 received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request sent on January 22, 2024. Your OPRA request sought access to the following: "Please provide the training records of the Kingston Volunteer Fire Company".

The South Brunswick Fire District No. 3 does not maintain the records requested, and accordingly has no records responsive to your request. Pursuant to the New Jersey Supreme Court decision in Verry v. Franklin Township Fire District No. 1, 230 N.J. 285 (2017), volunteer fire companies are not public agencies subject to OPRA.

If you believe that your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision. 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, New Jersey 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 the Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your county.

Very truly yours,

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