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VIA Email: CompanionAANJ@outlook.com

Terry Peifer
Companion Animal Advocates NJ

Re: OPRA request dated February 16, 2026.

Dear Terry:

I am in receipt of your Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") request via email on February 16, 2026.

Here is contact information obtained regarding animal cruelty contacts in Sussex County.

Police Department	Municipalities Covered	MHLEO	Contact Information
Andover Township Police Department	Andover Township	Lieutenant Brian Kithcart	bkithcart@atpd.org (973) 383-5544 work
Byram Township Police Department	Byram Township	Det. Larry Mendelson	lmendelson@byrampd.org
Franklin Borough Police Department	Franklin Township Franklin Borough	Ptl. Nick Dellafera	ndellefera@franklinpd.org (973) 827-7700 Work
Hamburg Borough Police Department	Hamburg Borough	Sgt. Fred Moses	fmoses@hamburgpolice.org 973 827-6211
Hardyston Township Police Department	Hardyston Township	Sgt. Andrew Norman	anorman@hardyston.com (973) 823-7022 work
Hopatcong Borough Police Department	Hopatcong Borough	Ofc. Gianna DiMatteo	gdimatteo@hopatcongpolice.org (973) 398-5000
Newton Township Police Department	Newton Township	Ptl. Russell Post	rpost@newtonpolice.org (973) 383-2525
Ogdensburg Borough Police Department	Ogdensburg PD	Chief Stephen Gordon	Sgordon.opd@gmail.com (973) 827-3160 SDavis.opd@gmail.com

Sparta Township Police Department	Sparta Township	Sgt. Tim Lynott	tlynott@spartapd.org (973) 729-6121
Stanhope Borough Police Department	Stanhope Borough	Ptl. Cory Kunzer	ckunzer@stanhopepolice.us (973) 347-4533
Vernon Township Police Department	Vernon Township	DSG Ronald Koumaras	rkoumaris@vernonpolice.com (973) 764-6155 work
New Jersey State Police	Branchville, Frankford, Fredon, Green, Hampton, Lafayette, Montague, Sandyston, Stillwater, Sussex, Walpack, Wantage	Trp. Matthew Popek	Matthew.popek@njsp.gov (973) 383-1514
Sussex County Prosecutors Office	Entire County	Det. Paul Mueller	pmueller@scpo.sussex.nj.us 973-383-1570 Work
Sussex County Sheriff's Office	Entire County	S/O Lou Cataldo S/O Steve Petersen S/O Joseph Decker	lcataldo@sussexcountysheriff.com spetersen@sussexcountysheriff.com jdecker@sussexcountysheriff.com

Very truly yours,

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