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<h3 style="margin: 0;">General Order: 4.11.1</h3>		
Subject:		
Open Records Policy		
Issue Date:	Effective Date:	Annual Review:
07/01/2008	07/01/2008	07/24
Revision Date:	Rescinds Previous General Order Number:	
04/24/2025		
Distribution:	PLEAC STANDARD Reference:	
All Officers	4.11.1	
By Order Of:		Signature:
Chief Michael L. Martin		

PUBLIC DISPLAY:

This policy shall be prominently displayed in the Franconia Township Police Department's Main Lobby for public view and also posted on the Township's Internet Web Site.

REQUESTS:

Public records will be available for inspection and copying at the Franconia Township Police Department during normal business hours with the exception of holidays in accordance with section 302(a) of the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law (Act 3 of 2008)

Requests shall be in writing and directed to Chief Michael L. Martin, or Township Manager Jon Hammer, the Open Records Officers or their designee, at the Franconia Township Police Department at 671 Allentown Rd. Telford, Pennsylvania 18969. Written requests shall include the date of the request, the name and address of the requester and a clear description of the records sought. There shall be no limitations on the number of records requested and there shall be no requirement to disclose the purpose for the request.

FEES:

1. Copies - \$0.25 per page
2. Certification of a Record - \$1 per record
3. Specialized Documents (blue prints etc.) – Actual Cost
4. Facsimile/Microfiche/Other Media – Actual Cost
5. Accident Reports - \$15 (A full report of the police investigation of any vehicle accident shall be furnished to any person involved in the accident, his attorney or insurer, and to the Federal Government, branches of the military service, Commonwealth agencies, and to officials of political subdivisions and to agencies of other states and nations and their political subdivisions.)

RESPONSE:

Police Department employees shall cooperate with those requesting records to review and/or duplicate original Police Department documents while taking reasonable measures to protect Police Department documents from the possibility of theft and/or modification.

All personal information, such as dates of birth and/or social security numbers from all persons mentioned in any records shall be redacted by the Police Department to help eliminate the possibility of identity theft.

The Open Records Officer shall review all written requests for access to public records. As soon as possible, but no later than five business days after receiving a written request to access public records, the Open Records Officer shall respond to all such requests in a manner consistent with Act 3 of 2008, the Right to Know Law.

APPEALS PROCESS

If a written request is denied or deemed denied, the requester may file an appeal within fifteen (15) business days of the mailing date of the response or within 15 business days of a deemed denial with the:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Office of Open Records
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 4th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225
Phone: 717-346-9903
Fax: 717-425-5343
Email openrecords@state.pa.us

or

Appeals Officer
Montgomery County District Attorney's Office
P.O. Box 311
Norristown, PA 19404
610-278-3090
Email: daopenrec@montcopa.org

Revised 04/24/2025:

Added Township Manager Jon Hammer as additional Right to Know Officer for Police Records.

Added section titled, "Public Display"