# STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE



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# AGENDA STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE February 17, 2022 10:00AM

Location: Online/Teleconference

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### **Announcement of Open Public Meeting**

- I. Review of December 16, 2021 Minutes
- II. Administrative Actions:
  - A. Announcement of Approval of Destruction Authorization:

Artemis Request: # 577870 - 579726

- B. Registered Imaging Systems / Amendments / Annual Reviews: Report to the State Records Committee: (See attached)
- C. Report to State Records Committee: (See attached)
- III. New Business:
  - A. Records Retention Schedules: (See attached)
    - 1. Department of the Treasury- Division of Pensions and Benefits \$821106 Presented by Karen Perry
  - B. Special Request for Authorization for Records Disposal: (See attached)
    - 1. North Brunswick Township Police Department Damaged Records Presented by Karen Perry
- IV. Other Business: None



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# MINUTES STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE December 16, 2021

Amanda Truppa, Secretary, called the 448<sup>th</sup> meeting of the State Records Committee to order at 10:04 a.m. on the above date. She stated that notice of the meeting had been posted in the Secretary of State's Office and published in the State's daily newspapers in conformance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting was conducted virtually.

Ms. Truppa stated there was a quorum present.

## **ATTENDANCE:**

SRC: State Treasurer, Amanda Truppa, designee

Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, Jason

Martucci, designee

State Archives, Joseph Klett

Attorney General, Valentina DePippo, designee

State Auditor, Ken Kramli, designee

Staff: Liz Hartmann, Administrative Analyst 3, Records Management Services

Marcella Campbell, Records Analyst 3, Records Management Services Virma Guzman-Reyes, Records Analyst 3, Records Management Services

Karen A. Perry, Records Analyst 1, Records Management Services Terricka Page, Records Analyst 3, Records Management Services

Donald Cornelius, Archivist, State Archives

Other: Michele Everly, CARMA, Gloucester County

Argean Cook, NJ Transit Joan DePaolo, NJ Transit

Mary Miller, DCA - Housing and Finance

MariaLisa Bazela, Bergen County

Art Staerk, Accuscan

Rhonda Pisano, Bernards Township

Ellanore Leong, NJ Transit Jamie O'Donnell, NJEFA Laura Wooding, NJ Transit

Torri Thompson, DCA – Housing and Finance

Robert Porreca, MVC Toi Fisher, NJ Transit

Christopher Medina, NJ Transit Daniel Corpeno, NJ Transit

Dina Antinoro, Department of Transportation

Amalia McShane, Department of Transportation Diana Gonzalez, NJ Transit Bradley Tishman Diana Gonzalez

### **MINUTES:**

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS SRC MEETING MINUTES:

Upon motion, seconded, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2021 meeting all present approved.

- I. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:
  - A. Announcement of Approval of Destruction Authorizations: Artemis Request # 576959 577869
  - B. Imaging Certification Amendments/Annual Reviews/Administrative Actions: Report to the State Records Committee
- II. New Business
  - A. Records Retention Schedule:
    - 1. Department of Transportation S870001 Approved with change, "\$" to "§"
    - **2. Municipal Health Department M640000** Approved with the additional language to include "requests" after "voided"
    - 3. State General Schedule G100000 Approved
    - 4. County and Municipal General Schedule C820000 and M100000 Approved
    - 5. Board of Education Administration M700101 Approved
    - **6. Board of Education Student** M700106 Approved
  - B. Special Request for Authorization for Records Disposal:
    - 1. Northern Valley High School Damaged Records Approved

# III. Old Business:

| A. | <b>Records</b> | Retention | Schedules: |
|----|----------------|-----------|------------|
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 Community Affairs – NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance – S221509 -Approved

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Amanda Truppa Secretary State Records Committee

| Certification # | Agency | Amendment Type |
|-----------------|--------|----------------|
|                 |        |                |

| 220101401-MP | Borough of Closter                                  | New Registration        |
|--------------|---|-------------------------|
| 221010402-MP | Township of Hillsborough                            | New Registration        |
| 22010403-MP  | Borough of Lopatcong                                | New Registration        |
| 221010404-MP | Township of Howell                                  | New Registration        |
| 22012601-MP  | Warren Hills Regionall School District              | New Registration        |
| 22012602-MP  | Millburn Township Public School District            | New Registration        |
| 22012603-MP  | Township of Livingston                              | New Registration        |
| 22012604-MP  | Borough of Kenilworth                               | New Registration        |
| 22020401-MP  | Borough of Bayhead                                  | New Registration        |
| 11072104-MP  | Township of Robbinsville                            | Annual Review/Amendment |
| 12021601-MP  | Borough of Roselle Park                             | Annual Review           |
| 11012034-MP  | Borough of Fanwood                                  | Annual Review           |
| 09082004-MP  | County of Union Engineering                         | Annual Review           |
| 12021602-MP  | Township of Union                                   | Annual Review           |
| 07031501-MP  | County of Union                                     | Annual Review/Amendment |
| 06061506-MP  | Township of Brick Enterprise                        | Annual Review/Amendment |
| 16032403-MP  | Township of Denville                                | Annual Review           |
| 13121209-NM  | Department of Human Services DIMS Enterprise System | Annual Review/Amendment |
| 06092107-MP  | Township of Egg Harbor                              | Annual Review/Amendment |
| 07062101-MP  | County of Ocean Clerk of the Board                  | Annual Review           |
| 15052104-MP  | Monmouth County Sheriff's Office                    | Annual Review           |
| 18122901-MP  | Bernards Township                                   | Annual ReviewAmendment  |
| 11102001-MP  | NJ Transit  | Annual Review           |
| 13071805-MP  | Hopewell Valley Regional School District            | Annual Review           |
| 11051905-MP  | Upper Saddle River Schools                          | Annual Review           |
| 13012404-MP  | City of Burlington Board of Education               | Annual Review           |
| 16112301-MP  | Clinton-Glen Gardner School District                | Annual Review           |
| 17030902-MP  | South Hunterdon Regional School District            | Annual Review           |
| 18030801-MP  | Department of Community Affairs                     | Annual Review           |
| 11072106-MP  | City of Millville                                   | Annual Review           |
| 11012018-NM  | Township of Wall                                    | Annual Review           |
| 10102108-MP  | Borough of Rutherford                               | Annual Review/Amendment |
| 17062201-MP  | Woodbury Heights Borough                            | Annual Review/Amendment |
| 11072101-NM  | County of Mercer RIM                                | Annual Review/Amendment |
| 13032101-MP  | Upper Freehold Regional School District             | Annual Review           |
| 15071602-MP  | Clearview Regional High School                      | Annual Review           |

# **PROPOSED**

# **STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

# 2022

January 20\*

February 17

March 17\*

April 21

May 19\*

June 16

July 21\*

August 18

September 15\*

October 20

November 17\*

December 15

<sup>\*</sup>Indicates meeting may be called for emergency or special purpose

| RECORDS RETEN | RECORDS RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE AMENDMENT |                  |     |    |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------|--|------------------|-----|----|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| DEPARTMENT    | Treasury   | AGENCY # S821106 |     |    |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| DIVISION:     | Pensions and Benefits                                | SCHEDULE #       | 003 |    |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| BUREAU:       | Records  | PAGE#            | 1   | OF | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |

### AGENCY AMENDMENTS

| FORMER AGENCY NAME           |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| (DEPARTMENT/DIVISION/BUREAU) |  |
| FORMER AGENCY NUMBER         |  |

### RECORDS SERIES AMENDMENTS

| RECORD SERIES | RECORD SERIES NAME               | TYPE OF            | FORMER DESIGNATION (IF             | NEW DESIGNATION (IF APPLICABLE) |
|---------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| #             |                                  | CHANGE APPLICABLE) |                                    |                                 |
|               | Loan Application File - Approved | Records            | 7 yrs. after final payment or      | 50 yrs. after the last monetary |
| 0011-0001     |                                  | Retention          | termination of the loan agreement, | value is paid against the       |
|               |                                  | Period             | whichever is later                 | membership account              |

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**



# Treasury-Pensions & Benefits-Records \$821106-003



| Records Re                             | tention and Disposition Schedule  |  | Age                                    | ency:                  | S8              | 3211            | 06           | 3            |   | Sche                                | dule: 003   |                                    | Page             | e #:1 of 4                    |
|--|---|--|--|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Department                             | t: Treasury-Pensions & Benefit  | s-Records  | Ag                                     | Agency Representative: |                 |                 |              |              |   |                                     |   |                                    |                  |                               |
|  |   |  | Titl                                   | Title:                 |                 |                 |              |              |   |                                     |   |                                    |                  |                               |
|  |   |  | Ph                                     | one #                  | <b>#</b> :      |                 |              |              |   |                                     |   |                                    |                  |                               |
| SCHEDULE AF<br>disposed of as          | PPROVAL: Unless in litigation, the records indicated in accordance with the law and r   | covered by this schedule, upon expire egulations of the State Records Com                          | ration of their r<br>mittee. This so   | etentic<br>chedule     | on p<br>e wi    | eriod           | ls, v        | will be      | e deemed<br>fective on t  | to have<br>he date                  | no continuing v<br>approved by th   | alue to the Stat<br>e State Record | e of Ne<br>s Com | ew Jersey and will be mittee. |
| Agency Representative Signature: Date: |   | Secret   | Secretary, State Records Committee Sig |                        |                 |                 |              |              |   |                                     |   | Date                               | ):               |                               |
| Record Record Title and Description    |   |  |  | $\top$                 | Τ               | Τ               | Γ            |              | Ret   | Retention Policy                    |   | Disposition                        | <u> </u><br>า    | Citation                      |
| Series #                               |   |  |  | Audit                  | Alternate Media | Archival Review | Vital Record | Confidential | Total<br>Retention<br>Period  | on                                  | Minimum<br>Period in<br>Agency  |                                    |                  |                               |
| 0001-0000                              |   |  |  |                        | _               | <u> </u>        |              |              |   |                                     | I   | Dootroy                            |                  |                               |
|  | TPAF, PERS & PFRS: Master M Contains membership number, security number and separation death). Used as a cross-referen unknown.   | vital information, enrollment dans numbers (withdrawal, retirem                                    | ate, social<br>ent, and                |                        |                 |                 |              |              | 50 yrs a<br>the last<br>moneta<br>value is<br>against<br>membe<br>account | ry<br>paid<br>the<br>rship          | 50 yrs after<br>the last<br>monetary<br>value is<br>paid<br>against the<br>membershi<br>p account | Destroy                            |                  |                               |
| 0002-0000                              | TPAF, PERF & PFRS: Active R Consists of: Active Register con Withdrawal Register containing check date and number, and Re data on retirement benefits. *Mir Termination of Account. | taining brief history of each m<br>the date the contribution paid<br>etirement Register containing | ember,<br>and the<br>statistical       |                        |                 |                 |              |              | *50 yrs<br>the last<br>moneta<br>value is<br>against<br>membe<br>account  | after<br>ry<br>paid<br>the<br>rship | -   | Destroy                            |                  |                               |

| Records Re         | etention and Disposition Schedule  | Agency     | ncy: S821106 |                 |              |              |   | Sch   | edule: 003   | Page #:2 of 4 |   | #:2 of 4 |
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| Record<br>Series # | Record Title and Description   | * <u>;</u> | Audit        | Archival Review | Vital Pecord | Vital Record | _ | Retention<br>Total<br>Retention<br>Period   | Minimum<br>Period in<br>Agency   | Disposition   | 1 | Citation |
| 0003-0000          | TPAF, PERS, PFRS, SPRS, SACT, DCP, ABP, and JRS - Active and Retired Membership Folders Contains correspondence and forms, which relate to the history of eac member. Used for establishing the members account. ***Imaged.  | ch .       |              |                 |              |              |   | *** 50 yrs<br>after the last<br>monetary<br>value is paid<br>against the<br>membership<br>account | *** 50 yrs<br>after the<br>last<br>monetary<br>value is<br>paid<br>against the<br>membershi<br>p account | Destroy       |   |          |
| 0004-0000          | TPAF: Allowance Terminated; Withdrawal Contributions For Deceased Members Registers Contains: termination date, death date, check date and check number. Used as a cross-reference file.                                     |            |              |                 |              |              |   | 50 yrs after<br>the last<br>monetary<br>value is paid<br>against the<br>membership<br>account     | 50 yrs after<br>the last<br>monetary<br>value is<br>paid<br>against the<br>membershi<br>p account        | Destroy       |   |          |
| 0005-0000          | TPAF, PERS and PFRS - Unclaimed Accounts (Suspense Folders) Consists of the original membership folder, which includes member contributions and interest; unpaid. *Microfilm and Destroy Hard Copy Untermination of Account. | Jpon       |              |                 |              |              |   | *50 yrs after<br>the last<br>monetary<br>value is paid<br>against the<br>membership<br>account    | *50 yrs after the last monetary value is paid against the membershi p account                            | Destroy       |   |          |
| 0006-0000          | TPAF, PERS and PFRS - Paid Withdrawals Original Membership folders and members withdrawal of contributions *Microfilm and Destroy Hard Copy Upon Termination of Account.   | i.         |              |                 |              |              |   | *50 yrs after<br>the last<br>monetary<br>value is paid<br>against the<br>membership<br>account    | *50 yrs<br>after the<br>last<br>monetary   | Destroy       |   |          |

| Records Re         | Records Retention and Disposition Schedule   |     | y: S821106 |                 |                 | 06           |              | Sche  | dule: 003   | Page #:3 of 4 |          |
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| Record<br>Series # | Record Title and Description   |     | Audit      | Alternate Media | Archival Review | Vital Record | Confidential | Retention<br>Total<br>Retention<br>Period   | Minimum<br>Period in<br>Agency  | Disposition   | Citation |
| 0007-0000          | TPAF, PERS and PFRS - Active and Retired Deaths Original membership folder and termination of death benefits payable survivors or to the estate. *Microfilm and Destroy Hard Copy Upon Termination of Account.   | to  |            |                 |                 |              |              | the last<br>monetary<br>value is paid<br>against the<br>membership                  | *50 yrs after the last monetary value is paid against the membershi p account   | Destroy       |          |
| 0008-0000          | Consolidated Police and Firemans and Prison Officers Programs - Re Membership File Contains correspondence and forms which relate to the history of eac member. Used for establishing the members account. **Microfilm and Destroy Hard Copy 2 years after termination of account. | :h  |            |                 |                 |              |              | monetary<br>value is paid<br>against the<br>membership                              | **50 yrs  | Destroy       |          |
| 0009-0000          | Employer Files - Pension and Health Benefits Consists of correspondence, enrollment, termination, Legal Document ERI Resolutions, Employer Resolutions and Internal/External Audit papers. ***Imaged.  | ts, |            |                 |                 |              |              | after the last<br>monetary<br>value is paid<br>against the<br>membership<br>account | ***50 yrs after the last monetary value is paid against the membershi p account | Destroy       |          |

| Records Re         | etention and Disposition Schedule A   | gency: | S8              | 3211            | 06           |              | Sche   | dule: 003   | Page #:4 of 4 |          |
|--------------------|---|--------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--|---|---------------|----------|
| Record<br>Series # | Record Title and Description  | Audit  | Alternate Media | Archival Review | Vital Record | Confidential | Retention<br>Total<br>Retention<br>Period  | Minimum<br>Period in<br>Agency  | Disposition   | Citation |
| 0010-0000          | Health Benefit Membership Files Consists of correspondence, enrollment, termination and change forms which relate to the history of each member. *** Imaged.                    | ,      |                 |                 |              |              | ***50 yrs<br>after the last<br>monetary<br>value is paid<br>against the<br>membership<br>account | ***50 yrs after the last monetary value is paid against the membershi p account | Destroy       |          |
| 0011-0000          | Loan Application Files Includes Loan application and is used when an employee desires to ob a loan from their pension. Information is also maintained in the membership folder. | tain   |                 |                 |              |              |  |   |               |          |
| 0011-0001          | Loan Application File - Approved  |        |                 |                 |              | P            | ***50 yrs<br>after the last<br>monetary  | ***50 yrs after the last monetary value is paid against the membershi p account | Destroy       |          |
| 0011-0002          | Loan Application File - Denied  |        |                 |                 |              |              | 3 Years  | 3 Years   | Destroy       |          |

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Location: 33 West State Street 5th Floor, Trenton, NJ 08618

# **Damaged Records Report**

Agency Name: Township of North Brunswick Police Department

Address: 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Phone: 732-247-0922 x 380

Email: cbaumg@northbrunswicknj.gov

Contact Person: Cynthia Baumgartner, Police Records Supervisor

Date the Damage Occurred: September 1, 2021

Date the Damage Discovered: September 1, 2021

Complete the following. (Answer field will expand to accommodate all answers)

### 1. Describe circumstances of how the damage occurred.

On September 1, 2021, Tropical Storm Ida had record amount of rainfall that resulted in approximately 4 feet of flood water entering the North Brunswick Township Police Department building through the basement doors, front doors and up from the drain pipes.

As a result, the sewer system backed-up. The building's mechanical systems failed and hydraulic fluids were released into the floodwater. Rainwater entered the first floor of the North Brunswick Township Police Department and pooled at about 4 inches. The water seeped into the basement and poured down into the Police Records Archives Room. Within a day, mold started appearing on the wet documents.

### 2. Describe circumstances of how the damage was discovered.

The North Brunswick Township Police Department is a 24-hour operation and the night police sergeant was in the basement, checking on the status of the building and witnessed the basement doors burst open and flood waters enter.

### 3. What salvage attempts were made?

Once the water had receded and the building was deemed safe to enter, employees went into the basement and carried up any boxes, cabinets and files that had not been soaked.

Once those 'damp' files were removed, the wet files were boxed up and carried upstairs to a cell block, spread out and dried as best they could be.

However, some of the soaked records had swelled so much that they could not be removed from cabinets. The drawers were carried up to dry as well.

Within days, DORES-RMS was contacted and the Damaged Records Submission Reports were provided. The forms were completed by Lisa Russo, Municipal Clerk and returned to DORES-RMS.

Within the first week, Matt DeCirce from the document salvage company, POLYGON US Corporation, (15 Sharpners Pond Road, North Andover, MA) conducted a site visit of the municipal building to assess document damage and destruction. POLYGON US was subsequently contracted to perform document recovery for the North Brunswick Township Administrative Offices' records (see attached POLYGON US Contract copy).

Whereas, upon review, POLYGON US did not deem it necessary to perform document recovery for the North Brunswick Township Police Department's salvaged records. POLYGON US subsequently commended the Department on its timely and expedient efforts in document preservation.

## 4a. Were any of the records affected by this event salvageable?

- Fatal Accident Report Files Closed
- Homicide Reports
- Uniform Crime Reports (UCR)
- Background Checks

The documents that have Permanent Records Retention were spread out and dried, afterwards the records were scanned into the DORES-RMS-certified Laserfiche system.

### 4b. Were any of the records effected by this event unsalvageable?

- Master Card File/Information Card File
- Photo Mug File
- Fatal Accident Report Files Closed Photographs
- Money Log Book
- Monthly Finance Reports, Records Bureau
- Restraining Orders from Family Court Final

### 5. Why are these records unsalvageable?

- <u>Fatal Accident Report Files Photographs and Photo Mug File</u> the files in the file drawers were completely soaked and fused together. Attempts to separate these caused total damage.
- Money Log Book and Monthly Finance Reports, Records Bureau. 2016- 2018 the records were also soaked with flood/sewage water. Attempts to retrieve these were futile, as most of the documents had turned to pulp.
- <u>Master Card File/Information Card File</u> floodwater-soaked cards swelled in file drawers, ink ran, cards fused together (These cards had not been accessed for 27 years but have permanent retention)
- Restraining Orders -Family Court Final -floodwater-soaked documents, molded and turned mostly to pulp

### 6. Who determined that the records could not be salvaged?

- Lisa Russo, Municipal Clerk North Brunswick Township
- Cynthia Baumgartner, Records Supervisor North Brunswick Police Department

# 7. Are there other copies of the damaged records in other locations or are there ways to reconstruct the damaged records (i.e. payroll records could be recovered from your payroll service provider)?

- <u>Monthly Finance Reports Records Bureau</u> were copied and the original reports were submitted to North Brunswick Township Finance Department.
- <u>Fatal Accident Report Files Closed</u> -were dried and copied however the photographs were totally destroyed and could not be recreated.

# 8. Are there additional records still maintained in the building? If yes, how are these records being protected?

Initially, all of the salvaged North Brunswick Police Department records and file cabinets were removed from the Township Municipal Building and temporarily stored in a secured trailer in the North Brunswick Police Department parking lot.

In October, 2021, the Township Administration and the Police Department records and file cabinets were relocated from the trailer to a temporary office suite at 1460 Livingston Ave, North Brunswick. The Township Municipal Building is currently under major reconstruction and upon completion, the file cabinets and records will be returned.

### 9. What measures are being taken to prevent future damage to the agency's records?

Moving forward, North Brunswick Police Department documents will be scanned into the DORES-RMS-certified Laserfiche system. The remaining hardcopy documents are being stored offsite with their eventual return to the Township Municipal Building upon the facility restoration.

In addition, the surrounding water retainage ponds have been cleaned and regraded and all storm sewer drains have been cleared.

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# **Damaged Records Inventory**

Agency Name: North Brunswick Township Police Department

Agency Retention Schedule: M900000

Retention Schedule Number: 008

Records Series Number: 0043-0000

Records Series Name: Master Card File/Information Card File

Retention Time: Permanent

Inclusive Years: 1964-1992

Volume (Cubic Feet): 10

Damage Type: Floodwater damage, mold, cards swelled so much they could

not be removed from drawers and ink faded – some unreadable

Other copies available? no

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# Damaged Records Inventory

Agency Name: North Brunswick Township Police Department

Agency Retention Schedule: M900000

Retention Schedule Number: 008

Records Series Number: 0060-000

Records Series Name: Photo Mug File

Retention Time: 75 years or death

Inclusive Years: 1964-1992

Volume (Cubic Feet): 12

Damage Type: Floodwater, Mold, fused together

Other copies available? no

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# Damaged Records Inventory

Agency Name: North Brunswick Township Police Department

Agency Retention Schedule: M900000

Retention Schedule Number: 008

Records Series Number: 0053-0002

Records Series Name: Fatal Accident Report Files - Closed

Retention Time: Permanent

Inclusive Years: 1964 - 2021

Volume (Cubic Feet): 9

Damage Type: Floodwater soaked, mold, photos fused together

Other copies available? Original crash reports dried, photocopied and scanned into the

DORES-RMS certified Laserfiche System.

The photos were completely destroyed.

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# Damaged Records Inventory

Agency Name: North Brunswick Township Police Department

Agency Retention Schedule: M900000

Retention Schedule Number: 008

Records Series Number: 0047-0000

Records Series Name: Money Log Book

Retention Time: 6 Years after final entry

Inclusive Years: 2016-2018

Volume (Cubic Feet): 3

Damage Type: Floodwater, Mold, documents soaked thru and turned to paper

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Other copies available? No

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# Damaged Records Inventory

Agency Name: North Brunswick Township Police Department

Agency Retention Schedule: M900000

Retention Schedule Number: 008

Records Series Number: 0049-0001

Records Series Name: Monthly Finance Reports, Records Bureau

Retention Time: 6 Years

Inclusive Years: 2016-2018

Volume (Cubic Feet): 3

Damage Type: Floodwater, mold, paper disintegrated

Other copies available? Original deposits and reports made to the Finance Department.

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# Damaged Records Inventory

Agency Name: North Brunswick Township Police Department

Agency Retention Schedule: M900000

Retention Schedule Number: 0008

Records Series Number: 0073-0001

Records Series Name: Restraining Orders From Family Court - Final

Retention Time: 50 Years

Inclusive Years: 1983 - 1992

Volume (Cubic Feet): 2

Damage Type: Floodwater, Mold

Other copies available? Middlesex County Family Court

# Damaged Records Disposal Certification

TO:

State Records Committee

| FROM:         | Lisa Russo, Municipal Clerk  |
|---------------|--|
| DATE:         | 1-13-22  |
| SUBJECT:      | Damaged Records Reports - North Brunswick Township Police Department   |
| have sustaine | Ify that the records listed on the attached Request and Authorization for Records Disposal form(s) and significant damage that warrants their disposal. All attempts to salvage said records have proven or not cost-effective. Subsequently, continued retention of said records has been deemed impractical. |

# Contract: POLYGON US



#### GENERAL SCOPE OF DAMAGE AND SERVICES

All aspects of this agreement and scope of work apply to the Township of North Brunswick. (customer/responsible party for payment). Polygon US Corporation will work under the direction of the Township of North Brunswick, who by endorsement of this contract, has agreed to be the party responsible for payment.

#### SECURITY MEASURES

Polygon takes the following measures to ensure the confidentiality and security of the archives to protect all personal and/or financial data. The Customer will sign-off on what is being transferred to Polygon. A representative of the customer will always be required to be present during the inventory process. Inventory procedures will follow all customer requests. All sensitive files will be transported in a dedicated truck with a dedicated driver. The dedicated truck will be received at the Polygon facility by a Polygon Project Manager. At all times when the archives are being loaded, handled, or unloaded they will be supervised by a Polygon Manager. All Polygon employees are background screened and under constant video surveillance during their shifts at the Polygon Document Center. The Polygon Document Center has indoor and outdoor security cameras with full tape backup that record 24/7. The facility is secured by a motion sensor alarm system. All the interior facility doors are accessible by keypad entry only. Polygon Managers and Supervisors have access to this code.

#### RESTORATION PROCEDURES AND TERMS

Polygon will provide freezer stabilization, vacuum freeze drying, sterilization (gamma irradiation) and cleaning services to approximately 1000 cubic feet of flood damaged records and 2,660 oversized blueprints.

### Estimated Quantity: 1000 cubic feet and 2,660 oversized drawings (prints)

The enclosed cost estimate is based on 1,000 cubic feet of flood damaged records and 2,660 flood damaged oversized drawings/blueprints. This cost estimate is to be considered a time and material proposal. The services provided by Polygon will be charged based on the actual cubic feet of materials processed, actual amount of supplies used, and actual number of labor hours performed. Unit pricing (price per cubic foot) will remain the same regardless of quantity. Polygon reserves the right to confirm the total amount, once all the materials are quantified at a Polygon facility. Supply costs for packaging/housing are subject to change based on specifications provided by the customer.

#### POLYGON - STABILIZATION AND DRYING

Polygon will provide freezer stabilization and vacuum freeze-drying services for the flood damaged materials. The materials will be packaged at the customer facility and transported to a Polygon facility for processing. The materials will be stabilized at approximately 25 to 30 degrees Fahrenheit. The materials will then be processed inside the vacuum freeze-drying chambers.

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#### POLYGON - STERILIZATION

A Polygon business partner, and third-party vendor will provide gamma irradiation services. Polygon will transport the materials to and from the thirdparty vendor using a dedicated truck and driver.

#### POLYGON - CLEANING

Polygon will provide cleaning services for the materials, using a variety of methods including HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Air) vacuuming and drychemical sponges (soot sponges), to remove surface growth and particulate matter. It is understood materials that have been subjected to soot/smoke or grey/black water or mold, may be permanently stained and some small amounts of residual soot or dirt, mold blemishes, may remain, even after proper cleaning. Costs for cleaning are included in our estimate.

#### POLYGON - CLEANING PROCESS

1) HEPA vacuum, 2) soot sponge 3) HEPA vacuum

Polygon will provide 3-step cleaning process to all outer surface areas of the documents. Included in cleaning cost: Cleaning supplies and expenses, Personal protection equipment, Negative air environment

It is understood that materials, once damaged, can never be restored to their preloss condition. Any damage to the paper structure, bleeding of inks and/or staining will not be reversed.

#### POLYGON - TRANSPORT

Polygon will provide transport of all materials to and from the Polygon facility. This cost proposal does not include unpacking and distribution of the archives upon the return delivery. These services can be arranged for by Polygon for additional charges to the customer. A storage fee of \$84 per month per pallet will be charged to customer who fails to receive the delivery within 75 days of notification from Polygon that the archives are ready to be returned.

Services provided by Polygon are taxable in all states. Taxes will be added to the final invoice amount at the appropriate rate, if applicable.

Approval

Printed Name:

Signed Name/

Amantha Sickles Date: 9/16/2021

Sevenia Sick Title: 9/16/2021



# **Estimate**

#EST-0030848

Date: 9/15/2021

15 Sharpners Pond Rd., Building F North Andover MA 01845 Phone: 800-422-6379

Servicing Office

04-National Documents Dept : Allentown Document Center

Bill To Lisa Russo Township of North Brunswick 710 Hermann Road North Brunswick NJ 08902 United States

Ship To Township of North Brunswick 710 Hermann Road North Brunswick NJ 08902 United States

| Job Description  | Sales Rep   | Partner  |              |
|------------------|---|----------|--------------|
| Flood Damaged Re | cords DeCirce, Matthew                                  |          |              |
| QTY D            | escription  | Rate     | Amount       |
| 400 Do           | ocument Restoration Laborer - Regular Rate              | \$55.00  | \$22,000.00  |
| 1,000 Fr         | eezer Stabilization, per cubic foot                     | \$8.00   | \$8,000.00   |
| 1,000 Va         | cuum Freeze Drying, per cubic foot                      | \$70.00  | \$70,000.00  |
| 2,660 BI         | ueprint/Map Drying, Each                                | \$3.00   | \$7,980.00   |
| .,               | amma Irradiation - Sterilization,<br>or cubic foot      | \$18.00  | \$18,000.00  |
| 1,000 CI         | eaning Level 1 - Document Per Cubic Foot                | \$79.00  | \$79,000.00  |
| 2,660 Bl         | ueprint/Map Cleaning - Level 1, Each                    | \$1.50   | \$3,990.00   |
| 833 Bo           | xes-Standard, 1.2 Cubic Feet                            | \$6.00   | \$4,998.00   |
|                  | ckaging Supplies Budget-<br>illets, Plastic Wrap, Carts | \$50.00  | \$1,250.00   |
|                  | eight/Shipping Charges<br>ck-Up and Delivery            | \$950.00 | \$950.00     |
|                  |   | Subtotal | \$216,168.00 |
|                  |   | Tax (%)  | \$0.00       |
|                  |   | Total    | \$216,168,00 |



# **Estimate**

#EST-0030848

Date: 9/15/2021

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS
The Parties hereby acknowledge and agree that the terms and conditions found at the following website; 
https://drive.google.com/a/polygongroup.com/file/d/0B4/Bi2MAsRSCa3FGVnp4RGZUWGc/view?usp=sharing 
are hereby incorporated herein; and shall not be amended by the Parties without written amendment.

Signature:

Date:

# Photos: North Brunswick Police Department Damaged Records



Master Card File/Information File



Master Card File/Information File



Grime from high water

Photo Mug File



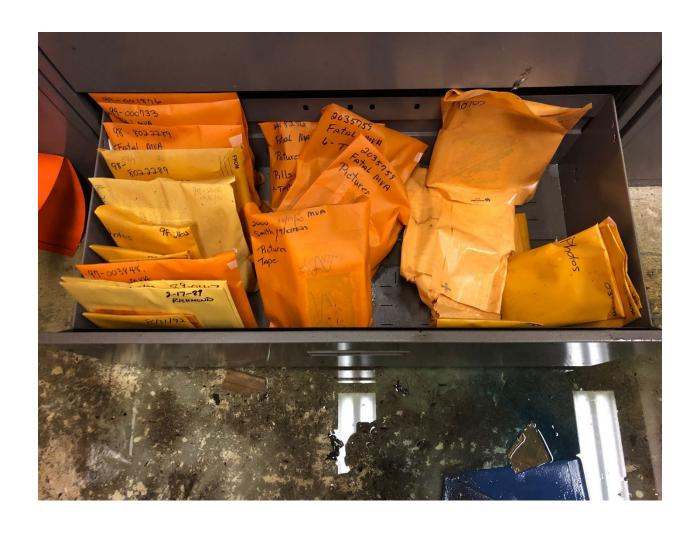
Fatal Accident Files – Closed (Drying on Tables)



Fatal Accident Report Files - Closed



Fatal Accident Report Files – Closed



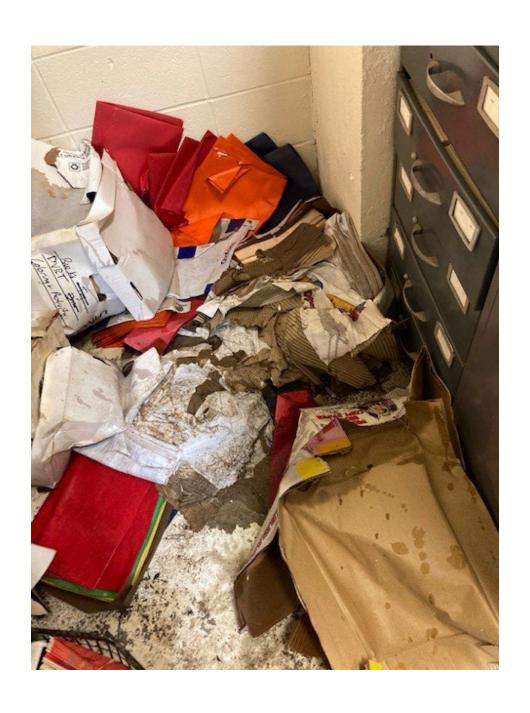
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Fatal Accident Report Files - Closed (Photos)



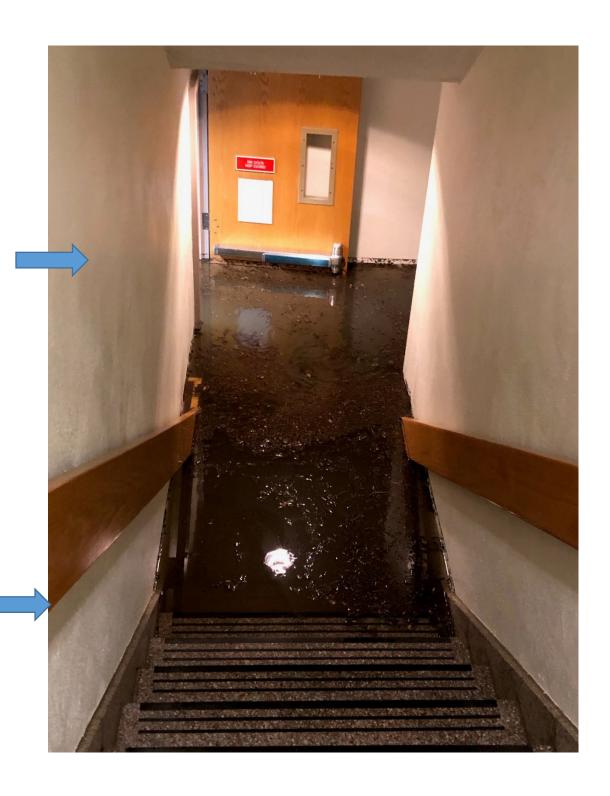
Money Log Book



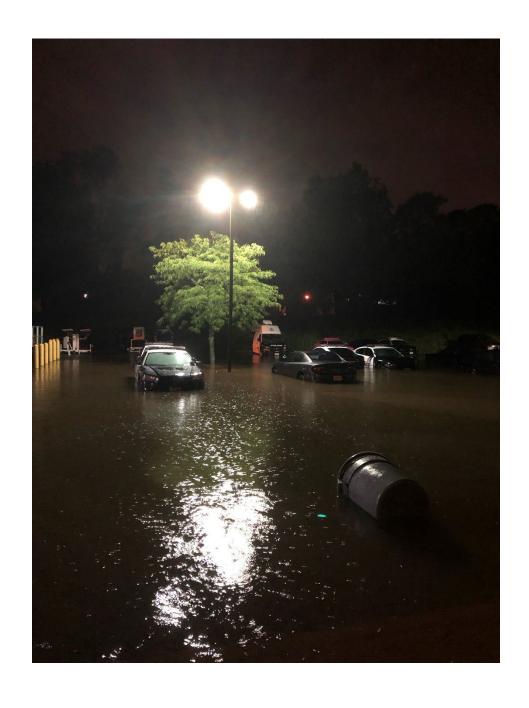
Monthly Finance Reports



Restraining Orders - Family Court



Police Department Basement Stairwell Flood Water Levels



High Flood Waters - North Brunswick Police Department Parking Lot

# DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY DIVISION OF REVENUE AND ENTERPRISE SERVICES RECORDS MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Mailing: PO Box 661, Trenton, NJ 08625

Location: 33 West State Street 5th Floor, Trenton, NJ 08618

## Damaged Records Report Addendum: Disaster Site Evaluation

Agency Name: Township of North Brunswick Police Department

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Phone: 732-247-0922 x 380

Email: cbaumg@northbrunswicknj.gov

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lrusso@northbrunswicknj.gov

Contact Person: Cynthia Baumgartner, Police Records Supervisor

Contact Person: Melanie Pacillo, Police Records Clerk

Contact Person: Lisa Russo, Municipal Clerk Township

North Brunswick

Date the Damage Occurred: September 1, 2021

Date the Damage Discovered: September 1, 2021

Date of DORES-RMS Site Evaluation: February 16, 2022

DORES-RMS Staff: Elizabeth Hartmann, Supervisor

DORES-RMS Staff: Karen A. Perry, Records Analyst 1

### **Damaged Records Event Recap**

On September 1, 2021, the rain from Tropical Storm Ida resulted in approximately 4 feet of flood water in the North Brunswick Township Police Department (NBPD) building. Water entered through the basement, basement doors, front doors and up from drain pipes. The sewer system backed-up. The building's mechanical systems failed and hydraulic fluids were released into the floodwater. Water seeped into the basement and poured down into the Police Records Archives Room. Rainwater entered the first floor of the NBPD and pooled at about 4 inches.

Once the water receded and the building was deemed safe to enter, employees carried up any boxes, cabinets and files that had not been soaked from the basement.

When the "damp" files were removed, the "wet" files were boxed up and taken upstairs to a cell block, spread out and dried as best as possible. During this effort, it was obvious some of the soaked records had swelled so much that they could not be removed from the cabinets.

Document Restoration specialist, Matt DeCirce, POLYGON US Corporation, conducted a site visit of the municipal building to assess document damage and destruction. POLYGON US was subsequently contracted to perform document recovery for the North Brunswick Township Administrative Offices' records.

Upon review, POLYGON US deemed it not necessary to perform document recovery for the NBPD's salvaged records. POLYGON US commended the Department on its timely and expedient efforts in document preservation.

Additionally, The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was contacted. At the end of October, Olaf Hansen, FEMA Analyst conducted a site visit and took photos of the municipal complex. Juan Salgado is now the primary FEMA liaison. The Township is waiting on FEMA to submit their site evaluation, report and any supporting documentation.

#### Salvaged Records

- Fatal Accident Report Files Closed
- Homicide Reports
- Uniform Crime Reports (UCR)
- Background Checks

#### **Unsalvaged Records**

- Master Card File/Information Card File
- Photo Mug File
- Fatal Accident Report Files Closed Photographs
- Money Log Book
- Monthly Finance Reports, Records Bureau
- Restraining Orders from Family Court Final

Initially, all of the salvaged NBPD records and file cabinets were removed from the Township Municipal Building and stored in a secured trailer in the NBPD parking lot.

In October 2021, the Township Administration and the Police Department records and file cabinets were relocated from the trailer to a temporary office suite at 1460 Livingston Ave, North Brunswick. These documents were scanned into a DORES-RMS certified Laserfiche system.

Moving forward, the NBPD will continue to scan documents into the DORES-RMS certified Laserfiche system. The remaining hardcopy documents currently stored offsite will return to the Township Municipal Building upon the completion of the municipal complex-wide restoration.

In addition, the surrounding water retainage basin have been cleaned and regraded and all storm sewer drains have been cleared.

#### **DORES-RMS Site Evaluation**

On February 16, 2022, Elizabeth Hartmann, DORES-RMS Supervisor and Karen A. Perry, Records Analyst 1 conducted an evaluation of the municipal complex. They met with township representatives:

- Cynthia Baumgartner, Police Records Supervisor
- Melanie Pacillo, Police Records Clerk
- Lisa Russo, North Brunswick Township Clerk

We conducted a complex-wide tour of the damaged rooms/areas. Presently the complex is undergoing remediation and temporary trailers are used as office to conduct the township's business.

A "yeoperson's" effort has been made in the restoration. The magnitude of the disaster is overwhelming, however, the tremendous restoration efforts underway are equally awe inspiring.

While it may take over a year to fully complete the complex-wide restoration, DORES-RMS will continue to work with NBPD and will provide records and information guidance as needed.

# **Additional Photos**

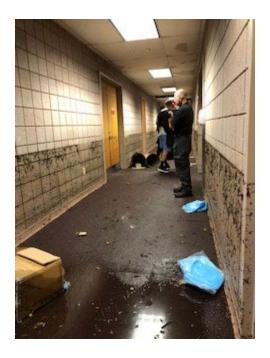


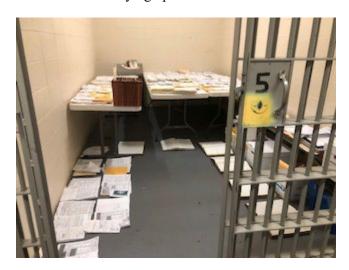
Image showing high water line and soaking floor in basement.



Destroyed basement gym.



Document drying operation in female cells.



Document drying operation in female cells.



Document drying operation in female cells.



Document drying operation in female cells.



Document drying operation in female cells.



Clean documents being wrapped for storage.