



# VILLAGE OF GOWANDA

*"Gateway to the Southern Tier"*

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*"The Village of Gowanda is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer"*

Re: Response to FOIL

Dear Sir:

The Village of Gowanda ("Village") submits this letter in response to your New York FOIL for, "All materials and records describing and sufficient to show/disclose all allegations of misconduct made and all disciplinary proceedings taken against any officer, employee, or representative of this policing agency."

Your request seeks records (to be produced on a rolling basis) covering the last fifty (50) years. Aside from the fact that this request by its terms is absurdly burdensome, the Village does not retain such records beyond the required retention period. In the case of the requested records, the retention period is three (3) years.<sup>1</sup>

Attached to this letter are documents responsive to your request. Given how few responsive documents are attached and limitation on the Village's technology and resources, we have provided paper copies, not electronic copies. Should you have further inquiries, please direct such inquiries to my attention.

Sincerely,

Deborah Chadsey, Esq.

Village Attorney

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<sup>1</sup> Schedule MU-1 Personnel/Civil Service- Personnel – [365] "Investigative records and disciplinary proceedings, including but not limited to statement of charge, transcript of hearing, notice of decision, letter of termination or resignation, letter of reinstatement, record of appeal procedure, and correspondence: RETENTION: 3 years after final decision rendered."