



Barnegat Police

2022 Annual Report



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Mission & Values

Mission:

The mission of the Barnegat Township Police Department is to provide for the well-being of the community through effective police provision of order maintenance, law enforcement, emergency services, and crime prevention; to guarantee the constitutional rights of all people, to provide rapid response to those in danger or otherwise in need of aid, and to maintain an open dialogue with citizens in order to identify problems within Barnegat Township and resolve those problems through an interactive partnership with the community we serve.

Values:

Integrity - Integrity is a core agency value and is demanded of every member, at all times. We recognize that integrity is the foundation of community trust.

Empathy - Empathy is among the most fundamental values that we embrace. Empathy promotes cooperation and understanding. The ability to see a situation from another's perspective is critical to conflict resolution, de-escalation, and collaborative solutions.

Accountability - We are accountable to each other, and to the people we serve.

Fairness - Treating all people with fairness is basic to human dignity.

Respect - Respect for the community is essential for establishing and maintaining the spirit of cooperation needed to be an outstanding police department

Vision:

Our vision is to create the environment where residents are free to live their lives safe from fear of crime, and confident in the fact that we will be there to help them solve their problem when they need us.

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COMMAND STAFF



Chief – Keith A. Germain
Chief of Police



Captain – Jason Carroll
Executive Officer



Lieutenant – Jeffrey Ryan
Support Services Division Commander



Lieutenant – Andrew Parsley
Operations Division Commander



NJSACOP Command & Leadership Academy

We are proud to announce that Sergeant George Martin has graduated from the NJSACOP Command & Leadership Academy.

Chief Keith A. Germain praised Sgt. Martin for his dedication and commitment to continued professional development.

"In this era, the job of police sergeant is hands-down the most difficult job in an agency full of difficult jobs," said Germain.

"Our sergeants have an immense responsibility to ensure that mission, policy, directive, and law are properly translated into effective action where the rubber meets the road. Sergeant Martin does an outstanding job in that role, and the Command and Leadership Academy provides him the knowledge and skills to continue his development as a well-respected leader in our agency."

To develop the intensive and academically-rigorous 13-week program, NJSACOP officials traveled to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point to work with the Academy's Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership to adapt the fabled West Point model of command and leadership to the needs of law enforcement.

The result of this collaboration is the NJSACOP Command & Leadership Academy, a unique blend of theory and application. Candidates with the greatest leadership potential are selected for this highly competitive program from municipal, county, state, and federal agencies from throughout the region.



Sergeant George Martin



CALEA ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION

CALEA Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation is a status of achievement awarded to a police agency which is able to prove that it complies in both policy and practice with nearly 200 different professional standards.

The Barnegat Police Department became the first agency in the history of Ocean County to be awarded CALEA Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation when it was found to be in full compliance with the standards in November of 2011. Our agency was awarded its second re-accreditation in 2014, its third re-accreditation in 2017 and its fourth in 2021.

The difficulty in achieving CALEA Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation is evidenced by some simple statistics. Of the nearly five-hundred police departments in the state, only eight have received Law Enforcement Accreditation. Additionally, there are no other CALEA Law Enforcement accredited agencies in either Ocean or Atlantic counties.

What are the Benefits of Accreditation?

Accountability: CALEA standards give the Chief of Police a proven management system of written directives, sound training, clearly defined lines of authority, and routine reports that support decision-making and resource allocation.

Reduced Risk and Liability Exposure: Barnegat Township receives a reduction in liability insurance fees and deductibles because of the department's accredited status.

Stronger Defense against Civil Lawsuits: Accredited agencies are better able to defend themselves against civil lawsuits. Also, many agencies report a decline in legal actions against them once they become accredited.

Increased Community Support: Accreditation embodies the precepts of Community Oriented Policing. It creates a forum in which law enforcement agencies and citizens work together to prevent and control challenges confronting law enforcement and provides clear direction about community expectations.

Uniform Change

Since the early 1980s, Barnegat officers have worn the same base uniform: a French blue shirt and Navy blue pants with a French blue stripe.

As we have continued to modernize the agency and incrementally transition into a more functional uniform, the rank and file suggested a change to a more modern navy blue shirt. The new materials and color would improve wearability and contrast less with the external carrier.

After a period of testing, evaluation, and review, the agency made the change to the suggested navy blue uniform shirts in August of this year.

The uniform change is both a functional and symbolic change as we near completion of a significant period of growth and change in the agency that began in 2018.

NEW



OLD

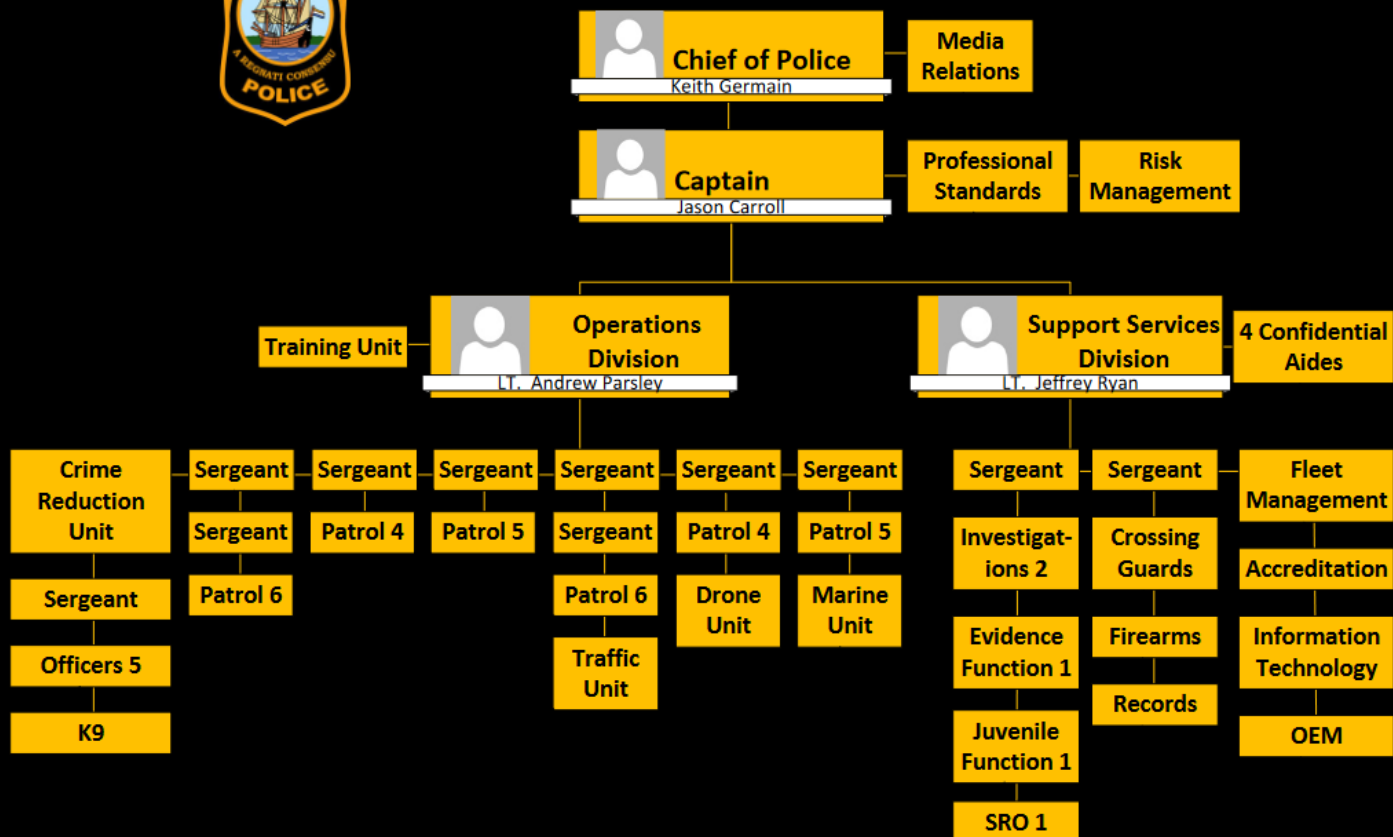




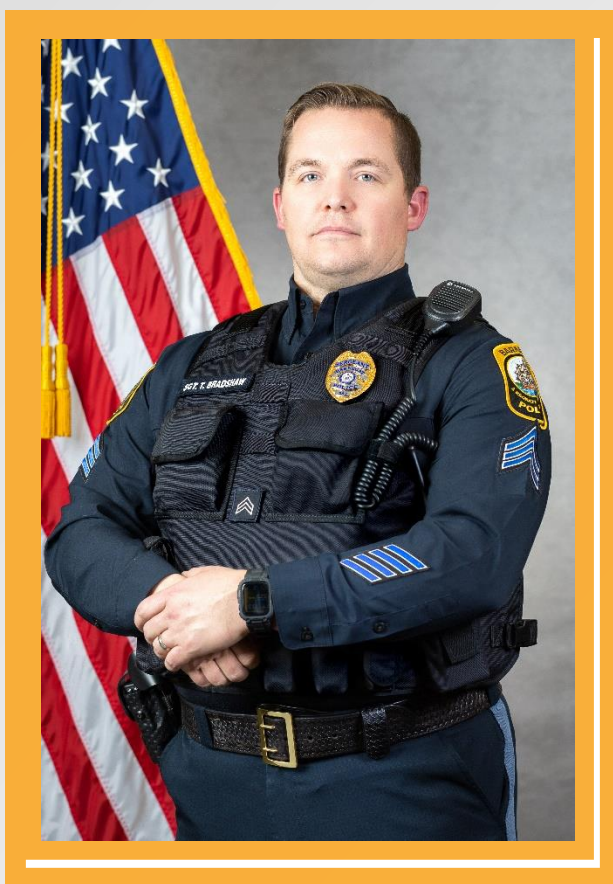
DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Department Organizational Chart



2022 Promotions



Timothy Bradshaw to the rank of Sergeant

Sgt. Bradshaw is a 19 year veteran of the Barnegat Police Department. He began his career in 2002 with the Seaside Heights Police Department where he worked as a seasonal officer. He then was hired as a Special Class 2 Officer with the Barnegat Police Department in 2004 and was sworn in as a Full Time regular Officer in January 2006.

Sgt. Bradshaw spent the majority of his career in the patrol division and was also a part of the department's Honor Guard Unit and Bicycle Unit. He is a certified instructor in Defensive Tactics and Handcuffing and has taught new recruits in the Ocean County Police Academy. He became a certified Field Training Officer in 2008 to train newly hired officers. In 2009, Sgt. Bradshaw began to supervise the Field Training Program and developed the curriculum for the program which is still in use today.

Sgt. Bradshaw took a lead in the department's Community Policing Initiative and became more engaged with the citizens of Barnegat. He has helped organize Hoofy's Fall Festival, Coffee with a Cop events and has attended numerous community meetings to address resident concerns. Sgt. Bradshaw also helped with the organization of the Junior Police Academy and National Night Out.

He is currently assigned to the patrol division as a squad supervisor and continues to oversee the department's Field Training Program, Defensive Tactics Program, and Community Policing Initiative.

Barnegat Township Police Dept. – 2022 New Officers



Ptl. Jesse Amirr

Patrolman Amirr graduated from the Ocean County Police Academy on April 27th, 2022. Prior to working at the Barnegat Township Police Department, Ptl. Amirr worked at the Long Beach Township Beach Patrol for 6 years. Ptl. Amirr finished his career in the Beach Patrol as a Lieutenant. After graduating from the Police Academy, Ptl. Amirr took the entrance exam for the Barnegat Police Department, finishing 2nd overall in the hiring process. Ptl. Amirr was sworn in on June 9th 2022.

Ptl. Michael Lobosco

Patrolman Lobosco was hired on June 30, 2022, joining our agency with previous law enforcement experience. In 2018, he attended the Cape May County Police Academy while simultaneously attending Stockton University, where he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance. Ptl. LoBosco had previously worked for the Wildwood Police Department for five months before transferring to the Galloway Township Police Department, where he served for nearly three years.



Ptl. Amanda Sá

Patrolman Sá entered the Camden County Police Academy this past July as an alternate route recruit and graduated on December 15th, 2022. There she earned the Camden County Police Chiefs Association academic award by finishing top in her class. Prior to the academy, Ptl. Sá attended Rutgers University, where she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance. Ptl. Sá was sworn in on December 19th, 2022.



[Click here to see our 2022 Diversity Report](#)

2022

Retirements



Sgt. MaryAnn Cirulli

Sergeant MaryAnn Cirulli began her career in 2003 as a dispatcher with our agency. She was later sworn in as a full time Police Officer in 2004. She served two years in the Operations Division before becoming a Detective in 2006. She served as a Detective until she was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2019. During her career she served on the Ocean County Arson Taskforce, was an Arson Investigator and was the department Resiliency Officer.

Sgt. Bryan Nogowski

Sergeant Bryan Nogowski began his career in 2001 in Long Beach Township where he was a Class 1 Officer for two summers. He served as an Ocean Township Dispatcher for four years until he was hired as a Class II Special Officer. In 2006, he was hired as a Class II Special Officer in Barnegat Township until he was brought on as a full time Patrol Officer. He served in the Department's Training Unit as a Firearms Instructor and as a Field Training Officer for new recruits. He was also one of the Department's few Motorcycle Officers. He was promoted in 2021 to Sergeant where he proved himself in a leadership role until his retirement in 2022.



National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.



National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more.

This year the community had the opportunity to meet with Barnegat Officers. Activities included a dunk tank, a helicopter landing and exhibition, a K9 demonstration, food, games, a child identification booth, emergency vehicles and an obstacle course. Record crowds came out to the event and Officers loved the opportunity to interact with members of the community.



2022 Patrol Highlights

February 2022 – Two males engaged in a verbal argument which turned into one subject pursing another's vehicle. One vehicle overturned during the chase which resulted in an injury. Ultimately, one subject was charged with assault by auto, stalking, criminal mischief and terroristic threats. The other male was charged with terroristic threats.

March 2022 – An accused forcefully entered a residence and assaulted the occupant after an argument over a parking space. The investigation ultimately led to the accused being charged with burglary and simple assault.

April 2022 – A domestic disturbance resulted in two brothers engaging in a physical fight. During the fight one subject brandished a knife and utilized it against the victim resulting in a minor injury. The accused was charged with aggravated assault and unlawful possession of a weapon and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose.

April 2022 – A report of a nude male walking on the Rail Trail resulted in one subject being arrested for lewdness.

June 2022 – A male subject assaulted a female outside of a residence by striking her with a closed fist and kicking her while on the ground causing her to lose consciousness. He then brandished a handgun and fired two shots which did not strike the victim. The investigation led to 13 criminal charges including weapon and assault charges.

June 2022 – A disturbance in which a subject allowed her friend to stay the night at her house. Following an argument, the friend began to destroy the home and grabbed a 10" kitchen knife to utilize against the homeowner. The accused was charged with aggravated assault and weapons offenses.

July 2022 – A report of fraud and theft resulted in one subject being charged with false reports after an investigation revealed probable cause that the complainant had fabricated the incident.

August 2022 – A brush fire resulted in one subject being charged for criminal mischief and arson. The intoxicated male went to the woods to be alone and became cold. He decided to start a fire which resulted in a large area of brush and a fence igniting.

August 2022 – A parking complaint resulted in one subject being arrested for aggravated assault and weapons charges after the vehicle owner brandished a machete at officers who were attempting to tow the vehicle.

October 2022 – Officers responded to a bank robbery at the TD Bank on Rt 9. Officers blanketed the area and made contact with a suspicious male on the Rail Trail. The subject attempted to flee officers which resulted in a foot chase. Ptl. Roman overtook the accused who resisted officer's arrest until he could be secured. Accused charged with 1st degree robbery, obstruction, hindering and resisting arrest.

October 2022 – A report of an active shooter in the High School precipitated a large scale response and securing of the premises, faculty and students. Ultimately, the incident was determined to be a swatting incident.

October 2022 – A large scale response for a missing person in the area of Cloverdale Park resulted in one subject being rescued after being stranded overnight in the woods.



CRIME REDUCTION UNIT (CRU) – 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- January 2022- Members of CRU executed a search warrant on a residence within Barnegat Township. At the conclusion of the investigation, units recovered one defaced handgun, one ghost gun, various rounds of handgun and rifle ammunition, quantities of cocaine, heroin and prescription pills, approximately \$4,000.00 in US currency, resulting in the arrest of five individuals.
- June 2022- Members of CRU investigated an alleged shooting within Settlers Landing which led to search warrants on one house and three vehicles. Invest resulted in the seizure of approximately \$72,000.00 in US currency, \$8,600.00 worth of heroin, the seizure of one vehicle, and ultimately the arrest of three individuals. One individual was charged with 2nd degree possession of CDS with intent to distribute as well as other CDS related crimes.
- September 2022- Members of CRU executed a search warrant on a residence within Settlers Landing. At the conclusion of the investigation, units recovered a quantity of MDMA valued at approximately \$1,000.00, a quantity of hashish / marijuana / THC valued at approximately \$6,500.00, and the seizure of approximately \$22,000.00 in US currency. Invest resulted in the arrest of one individual for 2nd degree possession of CDS with intent to distribute.
- September 2022- Members of CRU conducted street operations in regards to an individual distributing cocaine within Barnegat Township. Upon completion of the investigation, a quantity of cocaine was seized with an approximate value of \$4,500.00, \$1,000.00 of US currency was seized and three individuals were placed under arrest. One individual was charged with 2nd degree possession of CDS with intent to distribute, distribution of cocaine, as well as other CDS related charges.
- October 2022- Members of CRU executed a search warrant on a residence within Settlers Landing. At the conclusion of the investigation, units recovered a quantity of ecstasy worth approximately \$1,000.00 with of an arrest of an individual for 2nd degree possession of CDS with intent to distribute.
- October 2022- Members of CRU conducted a street operation where a motor vehicle stop led to the seizure of a quantity of cocaine valued at approximately \$1,600.00, a quantity of heroin valued at approximately \$750.00 and a quantity of prescription pills valued at approximately \$5000.00. Invest resulted in the arrest of two individuals.
- December 2022 - Members of CRU executed a search warrant on a residence which produced quantities of suspected cocaine (approx. 140 grams), raw heroin/fentanyl (approx. 20 grams), prescription medication, drug paraphernalia, and one handgun. As a result of the recovered evidence two subjects were placed under arrest for CDS and weapons related offenses.



Detective Bureau

2022 Highlights

January 2022 – Two suspects from Bronx, NY were arrested and charged with theft by deception in reference to a theft by deception incident where a victim was deceived into paying \$8,000 in a Grandparents Bail Scam.

January 2022 – A local business employee wrote 56 unauthorized checks from personal and business accounts totaling \$108,000 which resulted in 2nd degree theft charges and an arrest.

February 2022 - Resident was arrested and charged with 2nd degree Endangering the Welfare of a child after it was found that her 18 month old son ingested heroin that she left on a night stand.

March 2022 – Two juveniles burglarized the victim's residence and stole keys to the vehicle and took the same. An investigation led to two juvenile arrests with four charges on each.

April 2022 - Suspect was arrested and charged with Lewdness after numerous reported incidents of a male exposing himself along the Barnegat Rail Trail and Lochiel County Creek Park.

May 2022 – An arrest was made and theft charges filed on a subject who stole a safe containing \$26,000 from a residence that he was staying at.

July 2022 – A subject was charged with theft after taking patio furniture from a local business.

July 2022 – A serial shoplifter from NYC was identified and charged after shoplifting from CVS. The suspect had been arrested over 30 times and has shoplifted over \$30,000 from CVS stores.

September 2022 – Two suspects from Perth Amboy were charged after a Barnegat resident received a phone call and identified the call as a Grandparent Bail Scam.

December 2022 – An adult was charged with 2nd degree Sexual Assault after an investigation revealed that he had a three year long sexual relationship with a juvenile.

December 2022 – Three subjects were charged with theft after they pried open two cooking oil vats behind a restaurant and stole used oil valued at \$1,800.



BTPD Drone Unit

The Barneget Township Drone Unit was established in 2019 after our agency identified the need for the technology. Our Drone Unit consists of two drone models, each of which have a specific purpose. We have a larger Matrice M200 & a small Mavic 2 that are used for search & rescue, long distance communications, accident reconstruction and general situational awareness. Our agency has a total of 10 trained UAV pilots as well as a Certificate of Authorization from the FAA granting the use of our drones for law enforcement purposes.

– 2022 Drone Utilization Highlights –

- January - Located the scene of a suicide in a wooded area
- February – Assisted in finding a missing autistic juvenile
- April – Assisted in locating a 10 year old runaway
- June – Located a Jet Skier in distress on Conklin Island off Barneget Docks
- July – Utilized to help locate a Domestic Violence Assailant
- October – Utilized in a large scale search in Cloverdale Park
- November – Utilized to search roof and exterior of building in Active Threat incident at Barneget High School





BODY WORN CAMERA PROGRAM

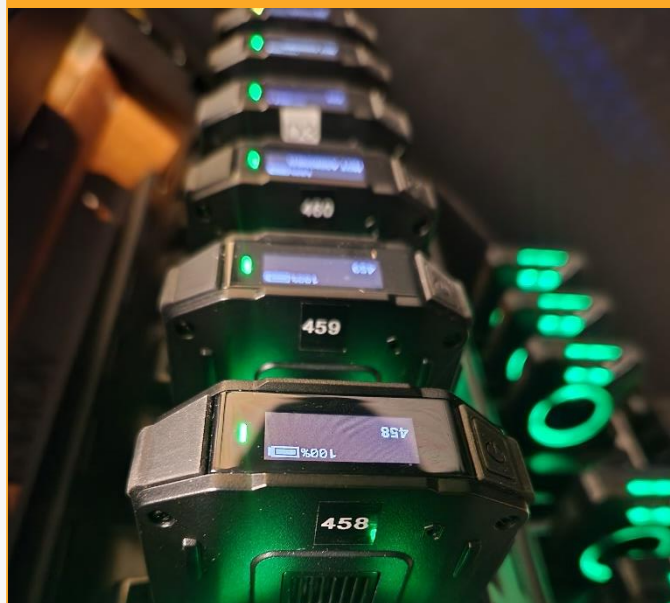
Barnegat PD was already ahead of the curve adopting body worn cameras (BWC) and mandating their use in 2018. A new law passed in 2021 mandated use of BWCs by police agencies and included additional funding.

Barnegat PD was awarded that funding in 2022 and was able to procure the latest Axon Body 3 BWCs as well as charging banks. The grant funding allowed for the full upgrade and modernization of our BWC program with no impact on local taxes.

Chief Germain acknowledged the value of the cameras in providing a tool for making officers and the public safer, likening it to professional sports.

“Whether we’re talking about the NFL or MLB, professional sports players have their performances scrutinized in order to make the best players in the world even better. In the same way, we review the unmatched professional performance of our officers and look for small ways that we can make them safer and improve the way we deliver public safety services to our community,” said Chief Germain.

“Some agencies adopt BWCs in response to a string of negative incidents or to address mistrust from the community,” said Chief Keith Germain. “Due to the outstanding work and professionalism of our officers, we’re fortunate to already enjoy widespread community support and a strong foundation of trust. BWCs represent a proactive approach to maintaining and building on that trust going forward.”





MANCHESTER GRIDIRON CLASSIC

Barnegat Township Police Officers participated in the 2022 Manchester Gridiron Classic and won their division with a 3-0 record.

From Left to Right: Ptl. Calicchio, Det. Russionello, Det. Simko, Ptl. Moran, Ptl. Negrón, Ptl. Roman

BTFD STOP DROP ROLL 5K

Barnegat Township Police Officers participated in the Barnegat Fire Department's annual 5K race. Officers completed the race while in full uniform to help support our first responder partners.

From Left to Right: Ptl. Henry, Ptl. Negrón, Lt. Ryan, Ptl. Calicchio



2022 UNITY TOUR

Barnegat Township Police Officers joined with the Stafford Township Police Department and participated in the 2022 Unity tour. The tour is a grueling bicycle marathon starting in Central NJ and ending in Washington DC to raise awareness of officers who were killed in the line of duty.

COMMUNITY POLICING



The Father of Modern Policing, Sir Robert Peel, published 9 Policing Principles that formed the bedrock of American Policing. Among these is the concept that the police and community are one. In his own words:

To maintain at all times a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and that the public are the police, the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.

Barnegat officers practice this principle every day when they go above and beyond their normal duty obligations to interact with the people of our community to build relationships and solve problems.

NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING ZONES



In the old days— before policing became so dependent upon the automobiles that put both a physical and psychological barrier between officers and the residents— residents knew who their police officers were. They knew them by name. They were comfortable approaching them when there was a problem in their neighborhood. In turn, the officers knew the neighborhood. They knew the residents. They could identify isolated problems and solve them before they grew into larger, community-wide problems.

As Barnegat grew and became busier over the past 50 years, officers became increasingly disconnected from the community. We lost that neighborhood connection and the ability to collaboratively solve problems at the neighborhood level. The Neighborhood Policing Initiative is being embraced to reconnect the community with officers at the hyper-local level. The agency has set up 9 Neighborhood Policing Zones (NPZs) and assigned officers to each zone. Those officers will work the assigned NPZ on a regular basis, allowing a return to the days when residents and officers knew each other by name and worked together to address issues impacting the neighborhood.

When there's an emergency, call 9-1-1. But when you have a problem or issue in the neighborhood that doesn't require an immediate or emergency response, we encourage you to reach out for one of your neighborhood officers.

Zone 1: areas east of Route 9 including Pebble Beach, Bayfront, and downtown

Zone 2: areas west of Route 9 and south of West Bay Avenue to include Settlers Landing, Heritage Bay, and Freedom Hills

Zone 3: Brookville Manor, Atlantic Heights, Hawthorne, and Laurel Oaks

Zone 4: Timbers, Deer Chase, Rosehill Manor, Union Blvd

Zone 5: Ocean Acres

Zone 6: Mirage and Windward developments

Zone 7: Pheasant Run, Heritage Point North/South

Zone 8: Horizons, Seacrest Pines, Paramount Escapes

Zone 9: Pinewood Estates, Brighton at Barnegat, Brookville, Warren Grove

Would you like to know who your Neighborhood Policing Officer is and how to contact?

Visit BarnegatPolice.us/Neighborhood-Policing/ to lookup your street and NPZ Officers

Junior Police Academy



The Junior Police Academy Class of 2022 was held at the Joseph T. Donahue Elementary School between the dates of July 11 and July 14, 2022. Ptl. Brian Weber lead the program which consisted of thirty-two 5th and 6th grade students ranging from the ages of 10-12. The program was established to provide the recruits with a basic understanding of the many roles law enforcement serves within a community. The program is tailored for students interested in pursuing a career in Law Enforcement.

The Junior Police Academy is designed to replicate the actual police academy with physical training exercises and daily drill followed by demonstrations, lectures and instruction regarding several different functions of law enforcement.

Different members of the Barnegat Police Department were assigned to instruct based on their knowledge and experiences in the field being taught. Recruits received approximately thirty hours of instruction in several different police functions including but not limited to: the history of the Barnegat Police Department, Police Department structure, Investigations, fingerprinting, narcotics, gangs, Defensive Tactics, handcuffing, SWAT, building searches, K9, NJSP Marine Unit and high risk motor vehicle stops.

Following completion of the program recruits participated in a graduation ceremony where family and friends were able to recognize them for their accomplishments. Each recruit was awarded with a Certificate of Completion.





Special Needs Resident Registration Form

If you or a loved one has special needs and might require assistance during an emergency such as an evacuation, major storm, or power outage, please fill out this form and return it to the police department so that we can add your information to our Special Needs Citizen Response Plan. By providing us with information about your special needs, you will be helping us to ensure that we can provide you with efficient and timely service during an emergency.

If you need assistance completing the form or would like a representative of the department to pick it up, please contact Police Headquarters at 609-698-5000.

All Information Will be Kept Strictly Confidential

Name _____

Address _____

Phone#- _____

Person to Contact in an Emergency: _____ Phone# _____

Challenges: (Please mark all that apply)

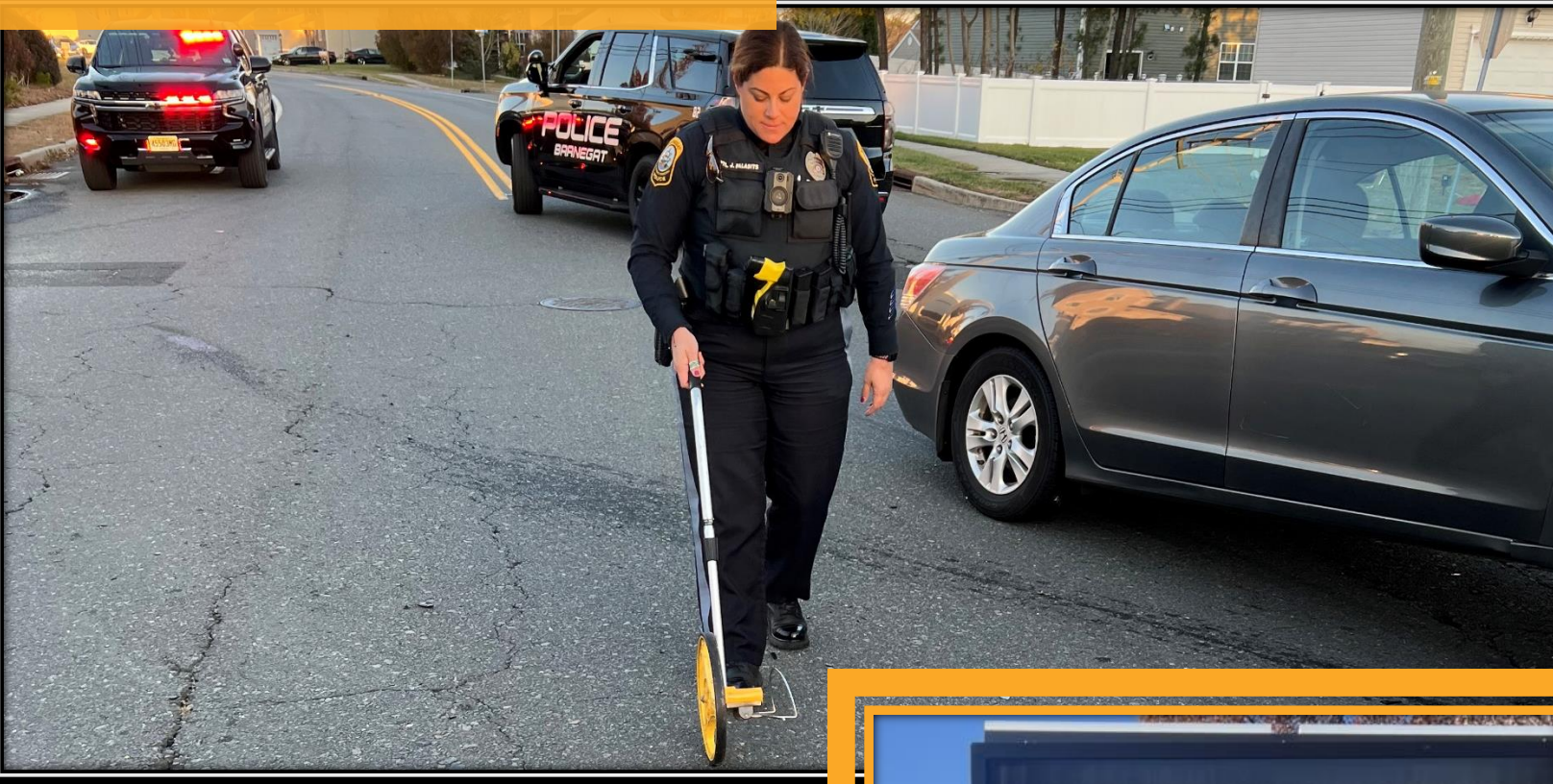
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☐ wheel chair ☐ Alzheimer/dementia
☐ sight impairment, blind ☐ transportation dependent
☐ hearing impaired ☐ other
☐ oxygen/respirator use



Coffee with A Cop was launched in Hawthorne, California in 2011 when Officers from the Hawthorne Police Department were looking for ways to interact more successfully with the citizens they served each day. Community policing has long been considered a framework for establishing trust between the community and the police. However, over time the character and composition of our nation's communities have changed due to shifting demographics, more commuters, and the introduction of different communication methods such as websites and social media. The Hawthorne Police Department hit upon a simple plan to break through the barriers that have been built over the years—a cup of coffee. Coffee with a Cop events are now held in all 50 states and is one of the most successful community oriented policing programs across the country. The program has also expanded outside the United States to Canada, Europe, Australia, Africa, and Latin America. The key to Coffee with a Cop's growing success is that it opens the door for interactions outside of the crisis situations that typically bring law enforcement officers and community members together.

Barneгат officers held numerous coffee with a cop events during 2022 with the generous support of GNM Coffee, who provided the coffee free of charge.

Traffic Safety



2022 Traffic Statistics

- 586 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 81 of those accidents had injuries
- 1 Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident
- 5 accidents involving pedestrians
- 6 accidents involving bicycles

Officers conducted a total of 2,180 traffic enforcement details on multiple residential streets throughout the township in which 2,406 violations were observed resulting in either a summons, written or verbal warning.

In total, Officers completed 5,403 Motor Vehicle stops in 2022.





2022 AGENCY STATISTICS

Incident Statistics – Officers responded to a total of 18,055 calls for service in 2022.

Dispatch Statistics – Dispatchers handled 30,095 requests and 12,189 phone calls.

Use of Force Statistics – In 2022, Barnegat Township Police Officers recorded force on a total of 37 incidents which equates to 0.2% of calls answered.

Motor Vehicle Crash Statistics – Officers responded to 586 motor vehicle accidents in 2022.

Firearm Permit Statistics – 505 firearm applications were processed in 2022.

Drug Overdose Statistics – 25 overdoses were reported in 2022.

Forfeiture Assets Recovered – \$174,544.00 worth of assets were recovered in 2022.

2022 Grants Total – \$49,506 in total County/State and Federal grants received.

Detective Bureau Statistics – The Investigative Division was assigned to 299 cases in 2022. 73% of those cases were either deemed to be unfounded or cleared by Arrest, Summons, Warrant or Exceptionally cleared.

BTPD TRAINING UNIT

On December 16, 2020, New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal issued AG Directive 2020-13, a new statewide Use of Force Policy. Having recognized that a new policy alone cannot change actual policing practices, the Attorney General's Office developed a new scenario-based training that incorporated two of the premier training programs in the country: ICAT and ABLE. The training is scenario-based and used real life situations to reinforce the key principles of the new policy, including the need to de-escalate; critical and strategic decision-making; tactics to reduce or eliminate the need to use force; and intervention to prevent other officers from improper behavior. All 38,000 New Jersey law enforcement officers were required to complete this two-day training by the end of 2021. BTPD currently has two officers certified to instruct these courses.



A major recurring issue in policing is officer use of force in situations when subjects are behaving erratically and often dangerously, but do not possess a firearm, such as when they are experiencing mental health or substance use crises. ICAT training is designed to equip police officers with the skills to respond to these volatile situations, by providing them with the skills needed to safely and effectively manage these encounters, especially in the critical first few moments after officers arrive. ICAT then integrates these skills and provides opportunities to practice them through video case studies and scenario-based training exercises.

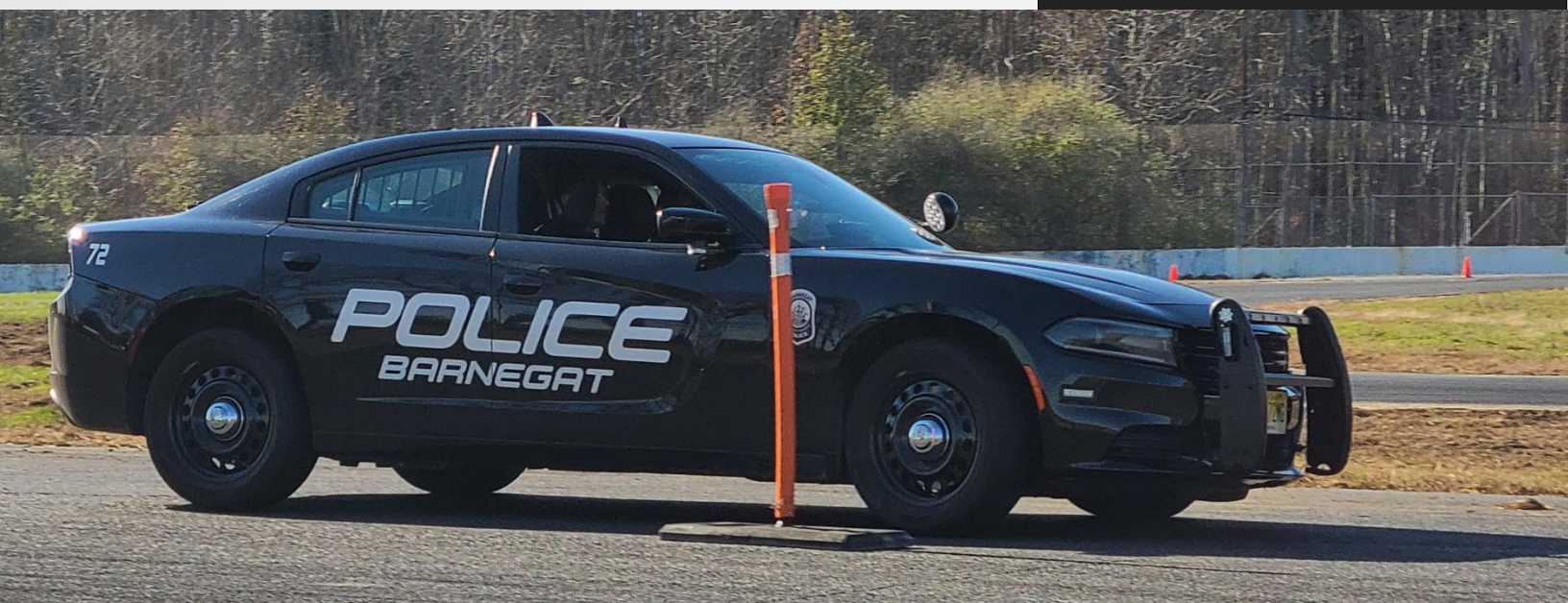
Even where written policies require officers to intervene to prevent a fellow officer's misconduct, to help another officer prevent mistakes, or to take action to help another officer take care of their health and wellbeing, it can be very difficult to intervene in practice. Officers frequently face high-stress, high stakes decisions. ABLE adapts intervention principles from other professions such as medicine to the policing context. Drawing from social science research and proven learning methods, ABLE training teaches officers specific tools and skills on how to perform these interventions in the field.





EVOC – EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATOR COURSE

Safe operation of an emergency vehicle is a primary responsibility of a law enforcement officer. Officers are expected to be able to respond quickly and safely to calls as well as pursue dangerous suspects at high rates of speed all while operating in a high stress environment. Since 2017, 257 police officers have been killed in vehicle related incidents nationwide. Motor vehicle crashes on average attribute to approximately 28% of all line of duty deaths. To ensure the safest operation of vehicles and most proficient emergency drivers, EVOC training is conducted annually. During this training, officers practice emergency driving techniques and pursuit driving through various driving courses and realistic scenarios. The training also gives officers insight into the limitations of their patrol vehicles. Officers log hundreds of driving hours per year and the training allows them to minimize the risk of crashes and injury.



BTPD

Marine Unit

The Barnegat Police Department is excited to announce the launching of our Marine Unit.

With the explosion of recreational boaters and the ever-increasing popularity of the Barnegat bayfront, the need for waterborne resources and response options increases by the day. While the New Jersey State Police and Ocean County Sheriff's Department have waterborne resources available through mutual aid, their response times are based on availability and call volume.

The Marine Unit was recognized as a need during the build-out of the BTPD modernization plan, however, budget constraints made starting a unit cost-prohibitive.

Challenged by Chief Germain with finding a solution to one of the few remaining unrealized goals of the agency's multi-year modernization plan, agency command staff set out to problem solve within the constraints of our budget.

Support Services Division Commander Jeff Ryan spearheaded the project and started by procuring a surplus boat (2014 Carolina Skiff 218) and trailer from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection at no cost.

While that was a great start, the boat needed a lot of TLC and equipment to get her in shape for duty. With an incredible outpouring of support from local businesses and community groups as well as the support of other Barnegat Township municipal departments, we were able to get the boat outfitted and equipped with virtually no impact on the agency budget.





In 2022, the department moved from purchasing Dodge Chargers to the new Chevrolet Tahoe PPV. This was done due to the termination of the Dodge Charger Pursuit model for 2023 and lack of available 2022 units due to the ongoing worldwide vehicle shortage.

With the transition to the Tahoe PPV, we were able to greatly enhance the patrol function with vehicles that carry much more equipment while providing considerably more prisoner space for detainees. This enhances officer safety by providing ample room to seatbelt a prisoner as well as providing rear climate control options allowing prisoner cages to be kept closed from officer's workspace.

The vehicles have inverters built in to run sensitive electronics such as law enforcement drones. They are also designed with two vehicle batteries to ensure police lighting and equipment doesn't interfere with the operation nor ignition of the vehicle.

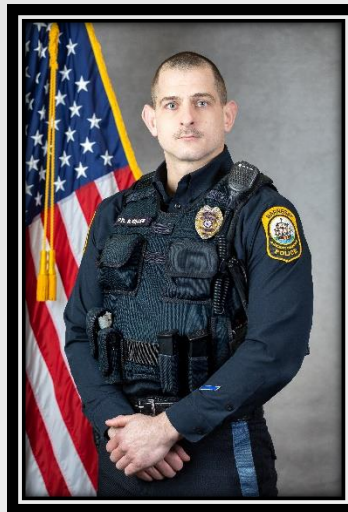
For safety, the Tahoe PPV has heavy duty, high performance Brembo brakes, heavy duty suspension and police specific tires and suspension to assist in collision avoidance. For durability, the Tahoe PPV is the first police vehicle since the Ford Crown Victoria sedans with body on frame design using a full size truck frame allowing for cheaper collision repair and less likelihood of damage from police use. This feature also makes the vehicle safer in a collision for the occupants.

For the added size and capability, the Tahoe PPV only costs 3-5% more to purchase than competitive police SUVs. Even though it is equipped with a 5.3 liter V8, the active fuel management system and 10 speed transmission have returned actual fuel mileage numbers higher than the Dodge Charger Pursuit and Durango Pursuit vehicles currently in patrol.

The PPV bests those vehicles with a selectable 2WD/4WD/AWD transfer case that is unavailable on other police vehicles which are full time AWD. This enhances off road and poor weather driving significantly while allowing the vehicle to operate in 2WD for better economy.

"The commitment of the residents of Barnegat Township and its committee to the police department's vehicle program has greatly improved the safety of its officers, enhanced the capabilities of the department and greatly improved the readiness of the police department as a whole. This continued support has saved tens of thousands on repairs, fuel costs, and generated positive income on vehicle resales while ensuring officers can get to citizens in need regardless of conditions.", said Det. James Purcell, the department's fleet manager.

Drug Recognition Experts



DREs are the main resource that police departments have available to them to detect impairment due to drugs including marijuana. With New Jersey's legalization of marijuana with no other testing mechanism available, DREs are the only viable tool available to combat impaired operation of vehicles.

A drug recognition expert (DRE) is an individual who has successfully completed all phases of the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program's (DECP) training requirements for certification as established by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). A DRE is skilled in detecting and identifying persons under the influence of drugs/ alcohol and in identifying the category or categories of drugs causing the impairment.

While the DRE procedure's main objective is driving under the influence (DUI) enforcement, the procedures have been applied in probation and parole, drugs in the workplace issues and other areas where accurately identifying the drug-impaired individual is relevant.

The Barnegat Police Department currently has two certified DREs who assist with evaluations throughout Ocean County.



Barnegat Township Police Professional Standards Unit

In 2022, fourteen (14) complaints against officers were filed with the Professional Standards Unit of the Barnegat Township Police Department.

All of the complaints brought forth by citizens were as follows; 5 complaints of improper demeanor by officers, 5 complaints of differential treatment, and 1 reported policy violation. Out of the 14 total complaints, 3 were generated internally by members of the department for violations of department rules and regulations. Each complaint can result in departmental discipline. Violations of departmental rules and regulations can range in punishment from a Negative Performance Notice to dismissal from the agency.

In each case, the Professional Standards Unit initiated an internal investigation to determine whether the complaint was valid. The outcome of each investigation was documented as follows;

- 5 Demeanor Complaints: 5 exonerated
- 4 Reported Policy Violations: 3 sustained, 1 exonerated
- 5 Complaints of Differential Treatment: 4 exonerated, 1 not-sustained

Of the 3 complaints that were found to be sustained, all resulted in minor discipline.

Officers of the Barnegat Police Department received 301 compliments and notices of positive performance in 2022 from citizens and police supervisors. Every Barnegat police officer is held to a standard of exceptional professional performance and the positive feedback by the public and our supervisors exemplifies those highest standards of dedication and determination.

BTPD SHIELD Program



Student High Intensity Enrichment and Leadership Development

The SHIELD program at the Barnegat High School is designed to expose the world of law enforcement to a select group of students who think they may have an interest in the field. Just as a recruit would do in a formal police academy, students in SHIELD are expected not only to complete rigorous classroom exercises but are also expected to meet certain physical demands placed upon them as well. Areas of study include, but are not limited to, history of policing in the United States, daily roles and responsibilities of the uniformed officer, forensics, criminal behavior, and special operations to name a few. SHIELD also places a very large emphasis on Community Policing and how important it is for the students to begin giving back even now at this young age. Students who complete this program have a better understanding of the legal system, why we have certain laws, and will overall be better prepared to enter their future careers as law enforcement professionals.



2022 Events



Pirate's Day was moved in 2021 from its traditional location to accommodate larger crowds as well as to address safety concerns.

This event was another great success in its new location and turned about to be a great day of family fun and great weather

The 2022 Fireworks at the Barnegat High School was another day of great family fun. Onlookers enjoyed a safe and enjoyable experience during the show and a safe, expedited trip home after the show. We will see you in July!





The Barnegat PBA 296 had our third annual fundraiser, Hoofy's Fall Fest, in honor of Patrolman Alex Hoffman. Alex tragically passed away on Oct. 2, 2019 and he left behind a wife and two young children. This fundraiser will directly benefit the Alex Hoffman Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund provides scholarships to graduating High School Students that present the qualities and character of Ptl. Alex Hoffman.

Hoofy's Fall Fest was held on October 22, 2022 from 11-7 pm, on Birdsall St. in Barnegat, NJ. This event is a celebration with live music, food trucks, prizes, craft beer vendors, and multiple kids' activities. This event raises a substantial amount of money each year that is all donated to Barnegat High School students seeking scholarship money.





RETIRED

Where are they now?



Not a week goes by in our agency without someone asking, “How is Detective Mitchell doing?” If you grew up in the Barnegat School System, Det. Mitchell was a staple at every morning arrival, school dance or sporting event. For our first, “Where are they now?” segment, we thought Det. Mitchell would be the perfect retired officer to check up on.

Det. Michael Mitchell started his career as a patrolman in 1987. In 1993 he started the DARE program which he ran for 20 years. In 1999, he became the first certified School Resource Officer in Ocean County. He achieved the rank of Detective until his retirement in 2014.

Today, Det. Mitchell is loving his retirement with his wife in Florida. He spends time with his family and at Disney World as a season pass holder. When asked for an update, he is quoted as saying, “I am enjoying family, friends and life!” Barnegat misses him but wishes him a continued happy retirement.



IN CLOSING...

As we close out 2022, I can honestly say that I've never been prouder of the officers here. They continue to embrace and master the most sweeping public safety changes in generations while setting the bar for law enforcement service in our region.

While so many agencies suffer recruiting challenges and the associated staffing shortages, we continue to attract a large number of the best candidates in the profession-- and that is no mistake. The combination of a supportive community, supportive Township Committee, competitive wages, and an all-star team of employees means that we attract the best and brightest who have the ability to take their talent to any agency they wish.

That quality and depth of talent here allows us to once again close out a year with historically low crime rates, all while solving problems and helping the community in ways that go well beyond traditional policing.

The Father of Modern Policing, Sir Robert Peel, had a great way of defining an effective police department. He said that an effective police department doesn't have high arrest stats; its community has low crime rates.

My sincere thanks to the women and men of the Barnegat Police Department and the Barnegat community for another successful year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith A. Germain', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Keith A. Germain

Chief of Police