



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION & VALUES

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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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Meet Our Command Staff

Our command staff is committed to leading with integrity, professionalism, and a focus on community service. Each member brings a depth of experience and a dedication to supporting both our personnel and the public we serve. Together, they provide clear direction, strategic vision, and steadfast leadership for the organization. This section highlights the individuals who guide our mission and uphold our core values every day.



Jason Carroll
Chief of Police



Andrew Parsley
Captain

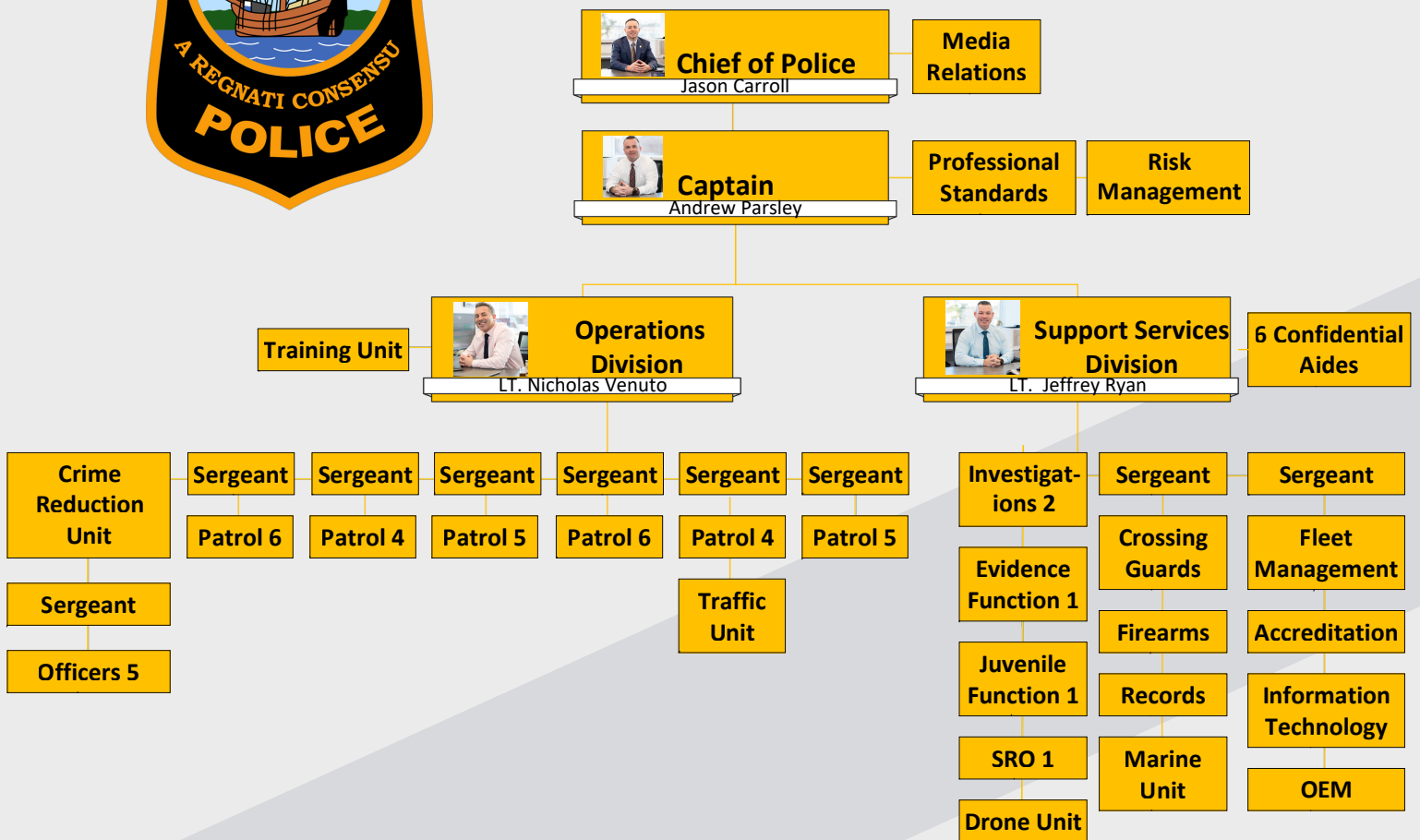


Jeffrey Ryan
Lieutenant



Nicholas Venuto
Lieutenant

Organizational Chart



New Officers

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Patrolman Sands was hired by the Barnegat Township Police Department on January 2, 2025, bringing with him two years of prior law enforcement experience. He successfully completed his training at the Atlantic County Police Academy, graduating on September 28, 2023, where he distinguished himself by earning the Physical Fitness Award and a Certificate of Merit. Patrolman Sands is a proud member of Barnegat High School's second graduating class and is committed to serving the community with professionalism, dedication, and integrity.

Patrolman Adams was hired by the Barnegat Township Police Department on April 1, 2025, joining our agency with more than 6 years of law enforcement experience. In 2018, he attended the Ocean County Police Academy. Patrolman Adams was previously employed by the Harvey Cedars Police Department and Tuckerton Borough Police Department before joining our agency. Patrolman Adams attended Stockton University, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in Biology in May 2016.



2025 Retirements

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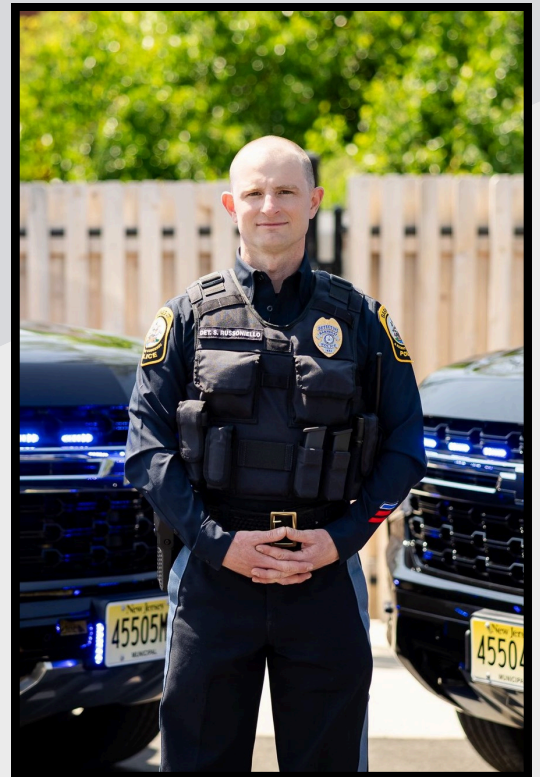
Patrolman D'Agostino dedicated 25 years of exemplary service to our department and community. During his career, he proudly served as a Patrolman, SWAT Team Member, Sniper, Firearms Instructor, and Resiliency Officer.

Thank you, Patrolman D'Agostino, for your unwavering commitment to Barnegat. Your impact will not be forgotten. Best of luck in your well-earned retirement!



A proud U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Detective Russoniello dedicated his career to serving the Barnegat community, as a Patrolman, a Detective with the Crime Reduction Unit, and a highly respected K-9 Officer.

Thank you, Detective Russoniello, for your years of dedication, professionalism, and service. We wish you, your family, and K-9 Tracker all the best as you begin this well-deserved new chapter.



Unity Tour

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The Police Unity Tour is an annual bicycle ride that honors law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty while raising funds for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Each year, riders from across the country cycle hundreds of miles to promote awareness of the sacrifices made by fallen officers. The Barnegat Township Police Department participated by sending members to join the ride alongside fellow officers from New Jersey and beyond. Their officers trained, fundraised, and rode as a team to support the mission and remember those who gave their lives. Through their involvement, Barnegat officers helped strengthen the message of remembrance and solidarity within the law enforcement community.

2025 Patrol Highlights

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January - A man in psychiatric distress broke into a home while armed with a knife. He was arrested, charged and transported for psychiatric evaluation.

January - A LPR hit led officers to arresting the driver for an active warrant for assaulting a police officer with a vehicle.

February - After almost striking a police car, a MV stop was conducted in which the vehicle drove up onto the lawn of a business. The driver was arrested for DWI and Resisting Arrest.

February - A female asleep behind the wheel at Taco Bell led officers arresting the driver for possession of Methamphetamine, Crack/Cocaine and Heroin/Fentanyl.

February - A suspicious driver led to officers recovering a quantity of Methamphetamines and un-prescribed Suboxone located in a hidden compartment in the vehicle.

March - A verbal argument led a daughter to threaten a step-father with a knife. The female was arrested and subsequently charged after the weapon was recovered.

March - Three juveniles were charged with criminal mischief after throwing rocks off of the parkway bridge causing damage to a passing vehicle.

April - A female located an AirTag located in her vehicle. Through the investigation, it was learned that an Ex had placed it there to track her. He was charged with Stalking.

April - A MV Stop led to a male driving erratically to elude police. The male was later identified and arrested at a friends home within the jurisdiction.

April - A citizen complaint led to an arrest of a drugged driver who was operating a vehicle with her children inside. She was charged with DWI and endangering the welfare of a child.

April - A drugged driver left her lane of travel and hit a vehicle head on causing serious injury. The driver was charged with DWI and Assault by Auto.

May - Two brothers got into a physical altercation in front of officers resulting in one being placed under arrest. While placing one brother, the other became upset and assaulted arresting officers. The accused dog then ran from the home and bit an officer.

June - Officers responded to a home for a report of a male holding a screwdriver to a female's throat. Within the investigation it was learned that the female victim was strangled and had multiple bruises on her face. The male resisted arrest and was charged.

June - A male with his wife and two children in the car became upset with his wife and attempted to crash the vehicle to cause them injury. He was charged with multiple offenses.

June - A male was observed burglarizing unlocked vehicles in a restaurant parking lot. Upon realizing he was observed, he fled into the wetlands marsh area. He was located several hours later hiding on a jet ski trailer in the area and was subsequently arrested and charged.

June - An officer made contact with a subject unconscious behind the wheel in a parking lot. An on scene investigation led to one male being arrested for DWI and possession of Heroin.

2025 Patrol Highlights

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July - A mother, upset about the presence of her daughter in law in the home, utilized a weapon to cause injury to the victim. She was arrested for Assault with a Weapon.

July - A subject was seen on Rt. 9 yelling with a loose dog following him as he randomly entered local businesses and began demanding a shower. Upon officer arrival, the subject began to fight officers trying to stop him from walking into the roadway, resulting in him being charged with Aggravated Assault.

July - Officers made contact with a vehicle bearing stolen license plates which led the driver to be arrested after a quantity of crack cocaine and un-prescribed pills were located.

July - A citizen reporting gunshot sounds led to a driver being arrested after a shotgun was discovered in the vehicle and the driver illegally possessing the same.

July - While attempting to arrest a driver for DWI, he fought officers, attempted to get back in his vehicle while making homicidal and suicidal statements.

August - A 3 car motor vehicle accident investigation led officers to arrest one driver for DWI and Assault by Auto due to injuries within the accident.

September - A Neighbor reported an intoxicated male in the street with his pants down. This led to one male charged with Obstruction, Resisting Arrest and Assault on a LEO.

September - Officers responded for an emotionally disturbed male wielding a knife and threatening family members. He was charged with weapons and DV offenses.

October - A victim left his credit card in Spirit Halloween which was recovered by a separate party and utilized to make several purchases. The accused was identified, located and subsequently charged.

October - A subject attempted to pass (3) counterfeit 100 hundred dollar bills at the Walgreens who reported the fake currency. She was identified and charged with the forgery.

November - Officers responded to the area for a disturbance. After the investigation, one brother was arrested for threatening family members with a knife. Another brother was arrested for Obstruction and Assaulting Police Officers on scene.

November - While advising a subject he was no longer welcome at his families home, he threatened officers and attempted to have his dog attack officers and then barred himself inside of his home. Later in the shift, the subject attacked officers effectuating the arrest resulting in the subject being tased and placed under arrest.

December - Park security called in a female asleep in the vestibule of a park. The female was discovered to have a warrant and a quantity of CDS was recovered during the search.

December - A subject assaulted a roommate. Upon officer contact, he assaulted officers resulting in an officer injury. He was placed under arrest and subsequently charged.

December - A disabled vehicle call led officers to recovering a stolen vehicle out of North Carolina that was used in a carjacking involving a handgun. The accused was arrested after being found walking out of the woods the next morning.



Crime Reduction Unit

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January: A week long investigation led to a motor vehicle stop where approximately four ounces of methamphetamine were located. One person was charged with 2nd degree CDS offenses.

April: A search warrant was executed on a residence where officers located large quantities of methamphetamine, prohibited weapons, and 3D printed firearm parts. Four subjects were charged with 2nd degree CDS and weapons offenses.

May: A suspicious vehicle stop led to a K9 alert and a subsequent search warrant that revealed a large quantity of methamphetamine. Two subjects were charged with 2nd degree CDS offenses.

May: A week long investigation into heroin distribution led to a motor vehicle stop where marijuana, paraphernalia, and later 2nd degree quantities of heroin were located. All three subjects were charged with 2nd degree CDS offenses.

June: Search warrants on a business and residence after a two month investigation revealed 2nd degree quantities of methamphetamine along with cocaine and heroin. Two subjects were charged with numerous CDS offenses.

August: Search warrants on a residence and vehicle after a three month investigation revealed a CDS production facility and 2nd degree quantities of crack cocaine being manufactured. One subject was charged with 1st and 2nd degree CDS and weapons offenses.

August: A search warrant on a residence after a two month cocaine investigation revealed 2nd degree quantities of cocaine, anabolic steroids, prescription medication, and paraphernalia. One subject was charged with 2nd degree CDS offenses.

August: A week long heroin investigation led to a motor vehicle stop where multiple bricks of heroin were observed in plain view. One juvenile and one adult were charged with 3rd degree CDS offenses.

December: A search warrant on a residence after a two month CDS investigation revealed a stolen 9mm handgun, MDMA, cocaine, and over six ounces of marijuana. Three subjects were charged with 2nd degree weapons and CDS offenses.



Detective Bureau

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January - Male charged for failure to register as a sex offender under Megan's Law.

January - Female charged with theft after stealing over \$20,000 from a senior citizen's investment account.

January - Credit card fraud arrest involving approximately \$1,400 in unauthorized charges spanning several months.

February - Two males charged with possession of heroin/cocaine, drug distribution and first-degree strict liability following an overdose death.

April - Two couriers arrested and \$550,000 in gold recovered during international gold bar scam investigation.

May - Juvenile charged with theft of an E-Bike from a local business.

May - Male charged with theft by deception, witness tampering and impersonating law enforcement in a \$3,000 Facebook Marketplace scam.

June - Two suspects arrested for arson after firing a flare gun into an occupied residence.

June - Female charged with forgery and theft after altering and cashing a stolen check.

June - Male charged with 1st degree aggravated sexual assault and 2nd endangering the welfare of a child after sexually assaulting a minor.

July - Male charged in series of vehicle burglaries following DNA identification.

July - Multiple theft and fraud arrests involving stolen credit and debit cards.

July - Male charged with invasion of privacy for recording sexual acts with his wife without consent which the victim located on multiple devices.

July - Arrest made in motor vehicle burglary investigation that took place over the course of a month with stolen property recovered.

August - Male charged with identity theft, fraud, and passing bad checks involving multiple Fulton banks throughout NJ.

August - Warrants issued for three suspects tied to an organized vehicle burglary and credit card fraud ring throughout the tri-state area.

September - Two males arrested for distribution and possession of child sexual abuse material after sharing minor images over social media.

September - Two juveniles charged with motor vehicle theft and conspiracy.

September - Male charged with multiple burglaries and thefts in Ocean Acres and Timbers area.

September - Male charged with burglary after stolen AirPods traced to the Ocean County Jail where he was recently incarcerated.

September - Step-father charged with multiple 2nd degree sexual assault offenses against a juvenile victim after failing a polygraph exam and making admission to the same.

Agency Statistics

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Incidents - 32,007 Calls for Service

Dispatch Statistics - 10,537 phone calls answered at center

Use of Force - 23 incidents

Motor vehicle Crashes - 536

Firearm Permitting - 460 Permits/FID Cards | 130 CCWs

Drug Overdoses - 14 Non-Fatal | 2 Fatal

Forfeiture Assets Recovered - \$80,830.00

2025 Grant Totals - \$16,270.30

Detective Bureau Stats- The investigative Division was assigned 240 cases. Of those cases, 12% are active and still being investigated; while 85% of those cases were either deemed to be unfounded, referred to a third-party agency or cleared by arrest, summons, warrant, or exceptionally cleared.



Honor Guard Unit

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The BTPD Honor Guard Unit is a ceremonial team that represents the department at funerals, memorials, parades, and other formal events. Their purpose is to honor fallen officers, uphold tradition, and present a dignified image of the department through precise, respectful ceremony.





The Barnegat Township Police Department proudly congratulates Patrol Officers Joel Sawyer, John Dolan, and Zachary Santos (not pictured) for receiving Recognition of Achievement Awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Joined by Chief Carroll at a ceremony held at The Heldrich in New Brunswick, these officers were honored for their outstanding efforts in identifying and apprehending impaired drivers—playing a vital role in keeping our roads and community safe.

We are proud to announce that Officers Lentini and Dugan were honored by the New Jersey Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association at their annual conference awards luncheon in Atlantic City on Thursday, May 22, 2025. They were recognized for their outstanding work while assigned to the Ocean County Narcotics Strike Force, where their efforts led to multiple arrests and the seizure of a substantial quantity of illegal drugs and weapons during several investigations.



On May 7th, Chief Carroll and Lt. Venuto were honored by the Ocean County Mental Health Awareness Committee as Outstanding Community Advocates. They were nominated by ARRIVE Together, one of our mental health outreach partners that helps us connect with individuals in crisis and provide meaningful support. Their recognition reflects a deep commitment to promote mental health awareness, reduce the stigma surrounding mental health and improve the well-being of our community.

Neighborhood Policing

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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.

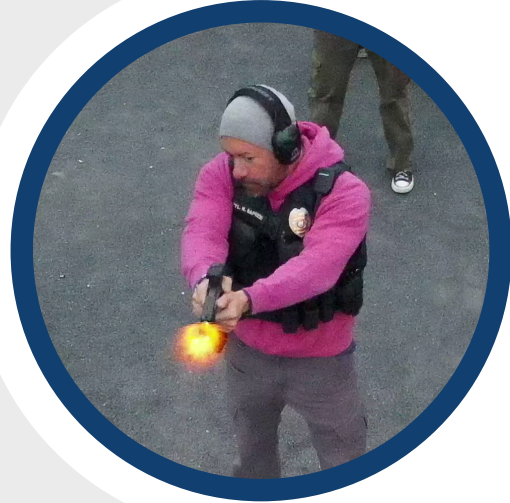
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TRAINING UNIT

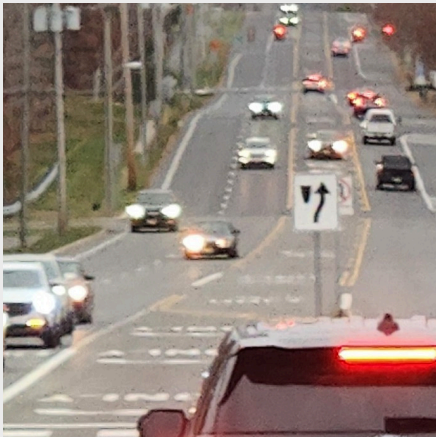
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THE BTPD TRAINING UNIT PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN ENSURING OFFICER READINESS BY PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE AND CONSISTENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. OFFICERS RECEIVE INSTRUCTION IN DEFENSIVE TACTICS, PHYSICAL CONDITIONING, FIREARMS COMPETENCY, AND CURRENT CASE LAW SO THEY CAN CONFIDENTLY AND LAWFULLY HANDLE REAL WORLD ENCOUNTERS. ACTIVE THREAT DRILLS, LIFELIKE SCENARIO BASED TRAINING, AND INSTRUCTION IN INCIDENT COMMAND HELP OFFICERS THINK CLEARLY UNDER PRESSURE AND APPLY SKILLS EFFECTIVELY IN THE FIELD. THIS COMMITMENT TO TRAINING STRENGTHENS BOTH INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE AND OVERALL COMMUNITY SAFETY.



Keeping our roads safe

Traffic concerns are one of our residents most frequent concerns. Our TSU operates daily to meet these concerns. Between enforcement details, accident investigations and traffic studies, this unit is constantly on the move addressing the communities concerns. As our once small town continues to grow, the BTPD Traffic Safety Unit will continue to adapt to keep you and your family safe while on our roadways. See below to see some of the traffic statistics our officers have run into this year.



2025 Motor Vehicle Enforcement Statistics:

- 7,665 MV Stops Conducted
- 1,164 Summons Issued
- 776 Written Warnings
- 6,353 Verbal Warnings

Motor Vehicle Crash Data:

- 536 Motor Vehicle Crashes
- 72 Crashes with Injuries (117 total injured people)
- 43 Involving Animals
- 16 Involving a Pedestrian
- 4 Involving a Motorcycle
- 3 Involving a Fatality



Traffic Studies were conducted on the following township roads: Fawcett Bl, Georgetown Bl, Highland Dr, Ridgeway St, Rosehill Rd, Sandpiper Rd, Tina Wy and Twilight Dr.

Speed Display Signs installed at: Bengal Bl, Georgetown Bl, Fawcett Bl, Ravenwood Bl and Rosehill Rd.

Have a traffic concern? Visit [Barnegatpolice.us/contact-traffic-safety/](https://barnegatpolice.us/contact-traffic-safety/) to let us know...

Project Crash

Project CRASH is an impactful and eye-opening program designed specifically for high school seniors.

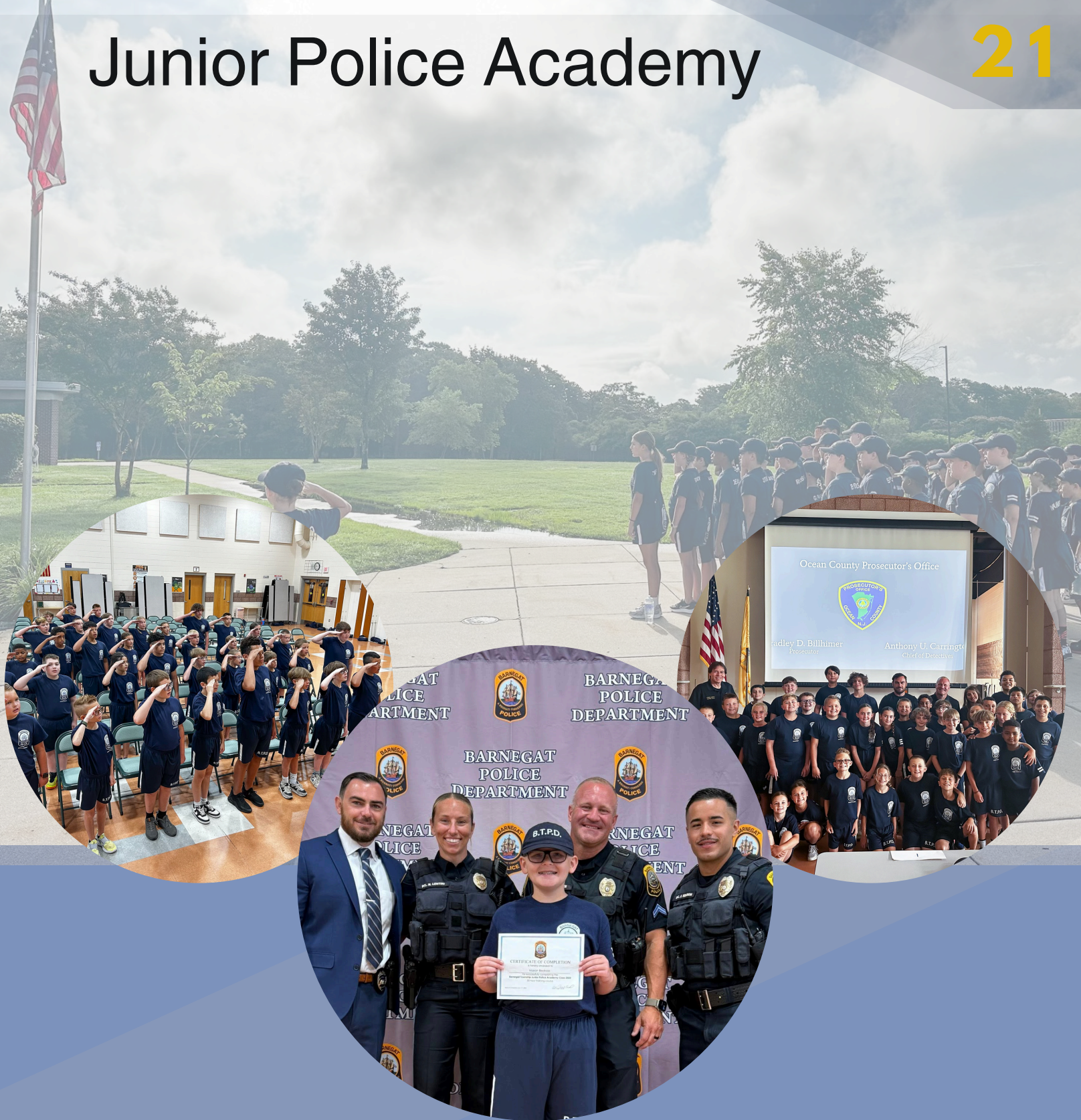
Hosted by the Barnegat Township Police Department Traffic Safety Unit, this program aims to educate students on the severe consequences of impaired and distracted driving. Through realistic crash reenactments, powerful guest speakers, and interactive discussions, students witness firsthand the devastating effects reckless driving can have on individuals, families, and the community.

By simulating real-life crash scenarios and sharing testimonies from law enforcement, first responders, and even those affected by such tragedies, Project CRASH delivers a sobering reminder of the responsibilities that come with driving. The goal is to encourage students to make smart, safe decisions behind the wheel, ensuring their own safety and the well-being of others on the road.



Junior Police Academy

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THE BTPD JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY IS A YOUTH PROGRAM DESIGNED TO INTRODUCE STUDENTS TO THE FUNDAMENTALS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT IN A STRUCTURED, HANDS-ON ENVIRONMENT. ITS PURPOSE IS TO TEACH TEAMWORK, DISCIPLINE, AND LEADERSHIP WHILE GIVING PARTICIPANTS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF A POLICE OFFICER'S DAILY RESPONSIBILITIES. BY PARTICIPATING, STUDENTS BUILD CONFIDENCE AND FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH BARNEGAT OFFICERS WHO MENTOR THEM THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM.

Jones Road Fire

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THE JONES RD FIRE WAS A SIGNIFICANT WILDFIRE IN THE BARNEGAT AREA THAT SPREAD QUICKLY AND REQUIRED A LARGE, COORDINATED RESPONSE TO PROTECT HOMES, PROPERTY, AND RESIDENTS. BTPD OFFICERS CONDUCTED HOME EVACUATIONS AND TRAFFIC CONTROL DURING POWER OUTAGES IN SMOKE FILLED CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE EVENT. CREWS WORKED TIRELESSLY FOR HOURS TO CONTAIN THE FLAMES AND PREVENT FURTHER DAMAGE DESPITE CHALLENGING CONDITIONS. WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO THE NEW JERSEY FOREST FIRE SERVICE, THE BARNEGAT FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND ALL SURROUNDING FIRE COMPANIES FOR THEIR INCREDIBLE DEDICATION AND PROFESSIONALISM THROUGHOUT THE EVENT. THEIR TEAMWORK AND BRAVERY ENSURED THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY DURING A TRULY DEMANDING INCIDENT.

Special Needs Registration

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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 #- _____

GARAGE KEYPAD CODE _____

PERSON TO CONTACT IN AN EMERGENCY: _____

PHONE# _____

CHALLENGES: (PLEASE MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

_____ MOBILITY IMPAIRED, BED BOUND

_____ DIALYSIS

_____ WHEEL CHAIR

_____ SIGHT IMPAIRMENT, BLIND

_____ OTHER (EXPLAIN BELOW)



Professional Standards

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In 2025, twelve complaints against officers were filed with the Professional Standards Unit of the Barnegat Township Police Department. These complaints were lodged by citizens within the Township after interacting with members of this agency on calls for service or throughout the course of their duties.

All the complaints brought forth by citizens were as follows; complaints of improper demeanor by officers, reported policy violations, complaints of differential treatment, complaint of improper arrest and complaints of improper search.

Out of the total complaints, no complaints were generated internally by members of the department for potential violations of department policies or rules and regulations. Each complaint can result in departmental discipline. Violations of departmental policies or 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; Demeanor Complaints: 8 exonerated, Reported Policy Violations and Demeanor: 1 sustained, Complaints of Differential Treatment: 2 unfounded. Complaint of Improper Arrest: 1 pending investigation. The complaint that was found to be sustained resulted in minor discipline.

Officers of the Barnegat Police Department received 253 compliments and notices of positive performance in 2025 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.

PHYSICAL FITNESS

Barneget officers need to stay physically fit as the job often demands quick action in unpredictable situations. Strong endurance and overall strength help us respond safely and effectively while reducing the risk of injury during high-stress incidents.



Between voluntary fitness challenges throughout Ocean County, running the BTFD 5K in full uniform or taking part in monthly fitness challenges designed by our certified PT instructors, our officers stay ready to meet the demands of the profession.

Casting with a Cop

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CASTING WITH A COP IS A RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY WHERE POLICE OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS FISH TOGETHER IN A RELAXED ENVIRONMENT. IT HELPS BUILD POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS BY ALLOWING PEOPLE TO INTERACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OUTSIDE OF OUR OFFICIAL DUTIES. THE GOAL IS TO CREATE TRUST, UNDERSTANDING, AND STRONGER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS THROUGH A SHARED OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE. A BIG THANK YOU TO BRANDY HILLEGAS & PTL. SMITH FOR ORGANIZING THIS EVENT.

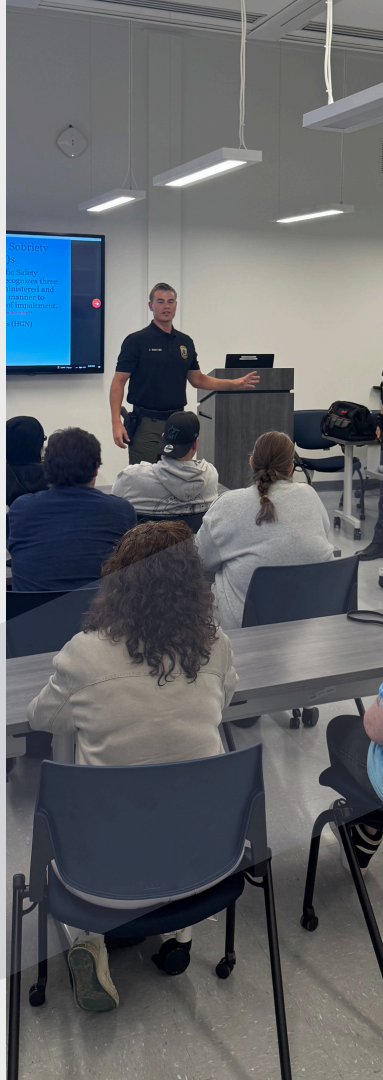


THE BTPD MARINE UNIT PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN KEEPING BARNEGAT'S WATERWAYS SAFE FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS. BY PATROLLING LOCAL BAYS, INLETS, AND COASTAL AREAS, THE UNIT RESPONDS TO EMERGENCIES, ASSISTS STRANDED BOATERS, AND ENFORCES BOATING SAFETY LAWS THAT HELP PREVENT ACCIDENTS. THEIR PRESENCE ALSO SUPPORTS SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION EFFORTS, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS ON THE WATER. THROUGH THESE RESPONSIBILITIES, THE MARINE UNIT PROVIDES A VALUABLE LAYER OF SAFETY AND SECURITY THAT EXTENDS BEYOND THE SHORELINE AND STRENGTHENS OVERALL PUBLIC SAFETY IN BARNEGAT.



CITIZENS POLICE 28

ACADEMY



THE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY HELPS BUILD TRUST AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BY GIVING PARTICIPANTS AN INSIDE LOOK AT LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS. ATTENDEES LEARN ABOUT PATROL FUNCTIONS, INVESTIGATIONS, USE OF FORCE, TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT, AND OTHER CORE RESPONSIBILITIES, GAINING INSIGHT INTO HOW AND WHY OFFICERS MAKE DECISIONS IN THE FIELD. HANDS ON DEMONSTRATIONS AND SCENARIO BASED ACTIVITIES ALLOW CITIZENS TO EXPERIENCE ELEMENTS OF POLICE WORK IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT. THIS PROGRAM STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND FOSTERS INFORMED, ENGAGED SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY.



COMMUNITY POLICING IS ESSENTIAL TO THE BARNEGAT POLICE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE IT STRENGTHENS TRUST, COMMUNICATION, AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OFFICERS AND THE RESIDENTS THEY SERVE. BY BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH OUTREACH, VISIBILITY, AND REGULAR ENGAGEMENT, OFFICERS GAIN A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CAN ADDRESS ISSUES PROACTIVELY RATHER THAN REACTIVELY. THIS PARTNERSHIP-FOCUSED APPROACH HELPS REDUCE CRIME, FOSTERS MUTUAL RESPECT, AND CREATES A SAFER, MORE CONNECTED TOWN WHERE RESIDENTS FEEL HEARD AND SUPPORTED.



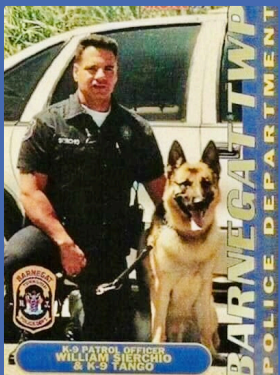
THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CIVILIAN STAFF ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR ORGANIZATION AND PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY EACH DAY. WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES, THESE DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS ENSURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OPERATES EFFICIENTLY, TRANSPARENTLY, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW. THEIR DAILY RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE MANAGING POLICE RECORDS, PROCESSING PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS SUCH AS OPRA AND FOIA, COORDINATING DISCOVERY AND EXPUNGEMENT MATTERS, REVIEWING BODY-WORN CAMERA FOOTAGE, AND HANDLING FIREARMS PERMIT APPLICATIONS. IN ADDITION, CIVILIAN STAFF OVERSEE PAYROLL, PURCHASING, AND BUDGET MANAGEMENT, HELPING TO ENSURE RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP OF PUBLIC RESOURCES. THROUGH THEIR COMMITMENT, PROFESSIONALISM, AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL, OUR CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES SUPPORT THE WORK OF OUR SWORN OFFICERS AND HELP MAINTAIN THE HIGH STANDARD OF SERVICE OUR COMMUNITY EXPECTS AND DESERVES.

Where are they now?

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DET. WILLIAM SIERCHIO

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Detective William Sierchio served the Barnegat Police Department from July 1983 until his retirement in May 2010, concluding his career as a Detective after nearly twenty seven years of service. During his tenure, he was instrumental in establishing the Barnegat Police Department gym in 1988, promoting officer fitness and readiness. In 1995, he conceived and led the creation of the Barnegat Police DARE vehicle, a custom Camaro that earned multiple awards including Best of Show at the Camaro Nationals in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The project also earned him the event's Grand Prize, a seat at the Bragg Smith Advanced Driving School in Nevada.

Detective Sierchio was a founding member of the Barnegat Police K9 Unit in 1996, working with both K9 Tango and K9 Nitro. He also served on the Southern Ocean County Regional SWAT Team and was a founding member of the Barnegat Police Honor Guard. His additional assignments included Court Liaison, Adult Community Liaison, Evidence Custodian, and leadership roles within the PBA as Treasurer, President, and Delegate.

Detective Sierchio now resides in Southwest Florida with his wife Kathy and currently works as the Transportation Coordinator at a retirement community, continuing his lifelong commitment to service.

A Message from the Chief...

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In 2025, the Barnegat Township Police Department remained firmly committed to professional excellence and service to our community. Our officers continue to receive some of the best and most comprehensive training available, with a special emphasis on de-escalation, crisis intervention, and response to mental health-related calls. This investment in training ensures that our officers are well-prepared to handle complex situations safely, compassionately, and effectively, and reflects our unwavering dedication to protecting the rights, dignity, and well being of every person we encounter. With the support of our residents and the Barnegat Township Committee, we have expanded our community engagement, community policing initiatives, and crime reduction strategies. By allocating additional resources and personnel to these efforts, we are strengthening trust, improving transparency, and working side by side with our neighbors to address concerns before they become larger problems. Our focus remains clear and that is to maintain a safe Barnegat for all who live, work, and visit here, and to continue fostering strong, lasting relationships with everyone in our community.

Chief Jason D. Carroll