

Ocean Township Police Department

"Live with Honor, Serve with Pride"



Annual Report

2018

Michal J. Rogalski

Chief of Police

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On behalf of the men and women that serve with the Ocean Township Police Department I want to thank you for taking the time to review the department's 2018 Annual Report. Hopefully this report will provide you with some insight into the wonderful work our employees do each day. In the spirit of transparency we are excited to share some of our success, many of which could not have been accomplished without the support of town staff, citizens, businesses and our various community stakeholders. As all of you are aware, collaborative partnerships are the cornerstone of success for any community. These valued partnerships have greatly assisted us in meeting many of our organizational goals. This past year we were not only successful in strengthening these relationship, but also fortunate enough to forge new ones.

Policing in the 21st century demands that we increase positive citizen interactions to build trust in the department and illustrate the legitimacy of our mission. Our officers embraced this philosophy enthusiastically through contacts within the community. Simultaneously we engaged our community through technology and increased our social media presence exponentially. The results speak for themselves. We have nurtured a culture that embraced the tenants of 21st century policing. Our community is engaging with us in many constructive ways and the components necessary for mutual respect and public safety are growing every day in the Township of Ocean.

The successes of our department in 2018 resulted directly from the efforts of our officers and civilian employees. It goes without saying that devoid of the professionalism, dedication and self-sacrifice of our employees the growth and success of our department would not be possible. We are comprised of intelligent, ethical and compassionate men and women that hold dear the principle of service. They come to work each and every day giving all they have and knowing that at any time they may make the ultimate sacrifice for someone else. It is this selflessness and loyalty that forms the basis of the service we provide.

As we move forward, our expectations are high. We are navigating through challenges that are more complex that we in law enforcement have ever faced before. It has never been more important for us to perform our duties and fulfill our oaths with the utmost of professionalism, integrity and compassion. It has been and continues to be my honor to serve with I believe to the finest people policing has to offer.

Chief Michal J. Rogalski

Mission, Vision and Values

Mission

The mission of the Ocean Township Police Department is to provide effective and efficient police services through a partnership with the community, to prevent and deter crime as well as reduce the fear of the crime, protect property along with individual rights and improve traffic safety through education and enforcement.

Vision

The Ocean Township Police Department is staffed with the finest men and women in the United States. We will provide a level of service, which is second to none. We will deliver a progressive and cost effective law enforcement service as well as identifying and meeting the challenges of our increasingly diverse community. We will continue to seek input from our citizen and employees in hopes of improving the lives of our township residents and visitors. To achieve this vision, the Ocean Township Police Department is dedicated to sustaining a quality and equitable work environment that is based on merit and developing its member through effective training and leadership.

Core Values

We, the members of the Ocean Township Police Department, are committed to providing quality service to the community. We believe each one of us makes the difference between a good organization and an excellent one, we also agree upon the following organizational values:

Integrity

We are committed to maintaining the trust of our community through honest, moral and ethical behavior that is above reproach.

Respect

We are dedicated to being objective, fair, consistent and compassionate in the treatment of our community and fellow employees in all of our actions.

Professionalism

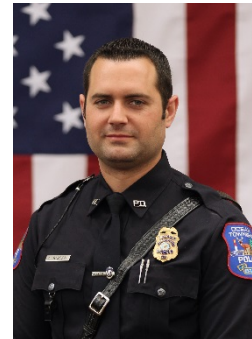
In partnership with the community we strive to provide responsive, effective and quality service through teamwork, problem solving and personal accountability.

Ocean Township Police Department

2018 Service Awards

Supervisor of the Year

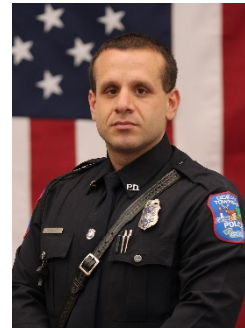
Awarded to a Supervisor who demonstrates a quality of work ethic, high degree of professionalism, motivation, dedication and integrity thus enhancing the police image and who distinguishes themselves with the law enforcement community.



Det. Andrew Ridsen

Police Officer of the Year

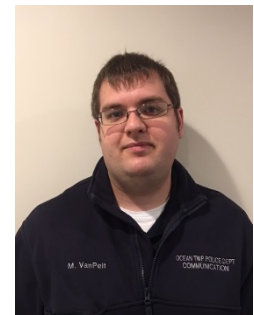
Awarded to an officer who demonstrates a quality of work ethic, high degree of professionalism, motivation, dedication and integrity thus enhancing the police image and who distinguishes themselves with the law enforcement community.



Ptl. Michael Cicero

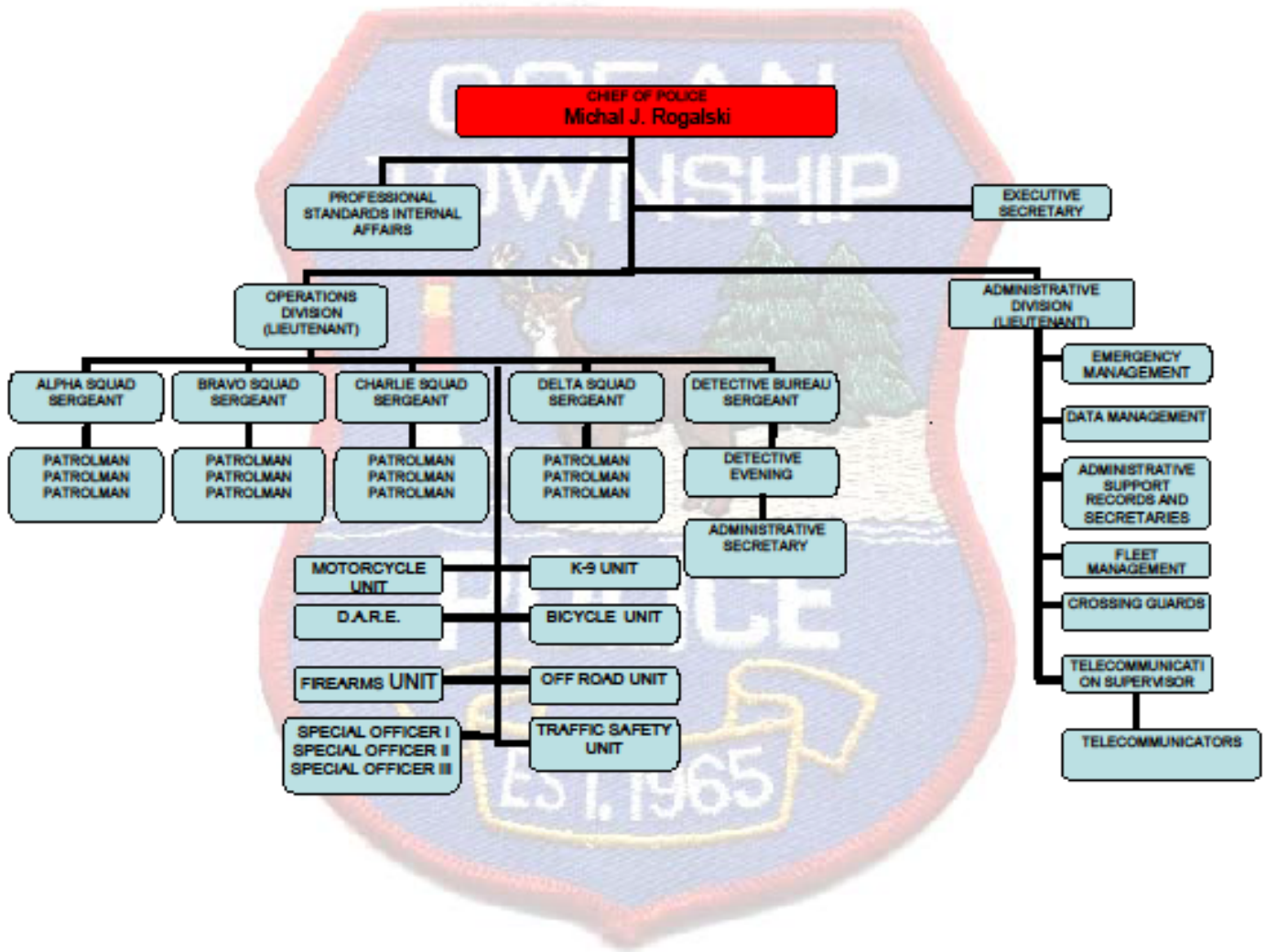
Civilian Employee of the Year

Awarded to a Civilian Employee who demonstrates a quality of work ethic, high degree of professionalism, motivation, dedication and integrity thus distinguishes themselves within the police department



Disp. Matt VanPelt

Organization of the Department



A Little Appreciation Goes a Long Way

Here is a sampling of the messages received by the police department that recognize the efforts of our officer.


 **Ocean Township Police Department**
October 30, 2018 · 🌐


Great Job Sgt. Jarin and Ptl. Bleichner!!!

 **Melissa Collett** ▶ **Our Little Waretown**
4 mins · 📍


I had an incident today where my dog got a fish hook caught in his lip and while helping him he was flailing and got the other end stuck in my hand. As he was moving around he was ripping the hook in my hand all over the place! Absolutely horrible! I had to call 911 to get us separated! Officer Jarin showed up and so did officer Bobby (I believe that's who it is Hudson said that's his name since he's his dare officer) they were wonderful and got everything done quickly! We were separated and they had animal control come and take Max to the vet for us and I took myself to the ER for the removal of the hook. I just wanted to say thank you for their help today. I was much more calm because they showed up! So thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping me and max today!! ❤️
#loveourpolice

👍❤️📍 2 Comments

 **Ocean Township Police Department**
September 25, 2018 · 🌐

 **Jamie Deuchler** ▶ **Our Little Waretown**
11 mins · Waretown · 📍

Thanks officer Jarin for making my daughters day by showing her his police car when we saw him in wawa this weekend!! She loves seeing our police officers and always wants to know "where their police car is" if she sees them inside a store. Her face lit up with excitement when she asked him and he told her it was outside and asked if she wanted to go see it! — at **Ocean Township Police Department**.



👍❤️📍 461 32 Comments 60 Shares


👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share

 **Heather Geary**
Just now · 📍

To the police officers who came and recognized my daughter yesterday for her 911 call about my dad Wednesday I just want to thank you. You made this ki feel so special and turned a bad situation into a good one. She has been non stop talking about it since it happened. This is just another reason I love Waretown so much.






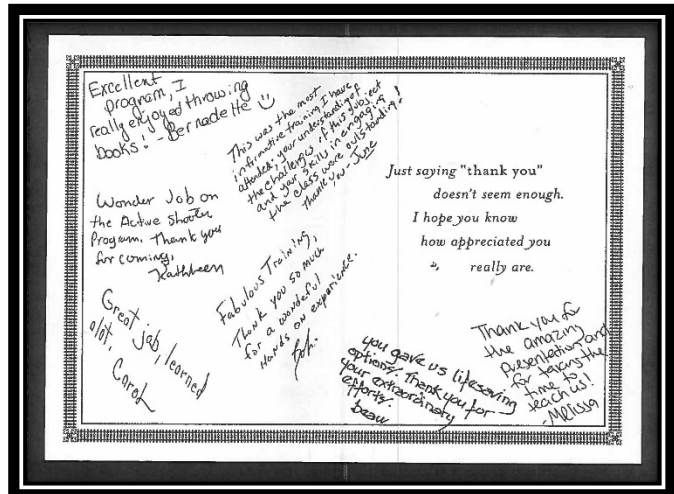


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On behalf of the Waretown Branch Library staff and myself I want to extend my sincerest thanks to the Waretown Police Department, with a special thanks to Chief Michal Rogalski, Officer Michael Cicero, and Officer Kyle Pimm. The ALICE Active Shooter Training that you provided to us was excellent in not only content, but in execution. We have had active shooter training in the past, but this hands-on experience I hope will prove invaluable should the worst occur. The staff is already telling me they feel safer after completing the training, and it has encouraged us to seek further ways to make our library a safer place and to develop our own personal skills. Two members of our library administration were able to join us for the training, and they are excited about the possibility of making this training available the other 20 branches in our system. I also want to thank the department for their continued support in providing the library with daily walkthroughs as part of their patrols. This is proving to be a wonderful opportunity for both departments to get to know each other and for the staff and public to feel safer. I'm excited about this continued partnership, but I also want to commend the department on the great strides they have taken in making the police department an invaluable and trusted part of the community. Each and every one of you is doing an amazing job at keeping our community safe, and you have our thanks and respect. I hope that you know if there is ever anything the library can do for the department, my door is always open for future partnerships. Again, you have my sincerest thanks for taking the time to provide training for our staff.

Stay Safe!

 Melissa Rutkowski
 Ocean County Library
 Branch Manager Waretown, Librarian II





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Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
 Township Clerk
 Township of Ocean
 50 Railroad Avenue
 Waretown, NJ 08758

September 9, 2018

Dear Ms. Ambrosio,

I wanted to make known a nearly tragic incident that occurred at Spencer's Bayside Marina located on the south shore of North Harbor on the evening of September 2, 2018 and acknowledge individuals and organizations that helped prevent the tragedy.

One of our customers, staying overnight on a friend's boat, realized he forgot his pillow, disembarked, and went to his vehicle to retrieve it at about 8:30PM. Getting back onto the boat, an unexpected wind moved the boat and he slipped and fell backward into the water, the back of his belt being caught by cleat on the edge of the dock.

The man was unable to free himself. With the way he fell and with the way his belt was snagged, his head was positioned down into the water. He had to hold the transom of a nearby boat and the dock to keep his head above water. After being in the water for about an hour and a half, he feared that he would drown because he was losing the strength to hold on. He called out again for help.


An unknown individual in Skipper's Cove heard his cries for help and called 9-1-1. Sergeant James Kinlan of the Ocean Township Police Department was the first on the scene. He pulled the man upright preventing him from drowning.

Meanwhile, Vince Spadafora, Jr., owner and operator of Long Key Marina, was coming back into North Harbor by boat and going past Spencer's Bayside Marina. He heard the cries and jumped in to the water and swam in that direction to help. Vin swam up and cut the man's belt as Jim was holding him upright.

The Waretown EMS arrived. Nearby neighbor Mark Grek saw the emergency vehicle lights and came over to the marina to offer assistance.

Everyone helped make sure the man was safe and as well as he could be given the circumstances. The responsive actions of these people prevented what surely would have been a tragic loss of life. We are grateful for each of these caring and well-trained individuals, the Ocean Township Police Department and EMS and we are thankful they are part of our Waretown community.

Best regards,


 Spencer Ambrosio
 cc: Michal Rogalski, Chief of Police



Patrol Division



The Patrol Division encompasses the majority of the sworn personnel employed by the Ocean Township Police Department. Patrol officers are the first responders to all emergencies and calls for service. In addition, they conduct the initial investigation into all criminal activity, provide patrol services that address quality of life issues, handle traffic related activities including enforcement and crash investigations, selective enforcement details, and security checks as well as commercial and residential properties.

The Patrol Division uses vehicle stops proactively, conducting numerous vehicle contacts for motorist safety, suspicious circumstances and traffic violations. These stops led to warnings, citations, arrests, seizures or illegal drugs, recovery of stolen property, interruption of crimes and apprehension of wanted individuals. Every traffic stop increases the Patrol Division's visibility and serves to deter aggressive driving and criminal activity. When the citizens of Ocean Township require assistance, the Patrol Division is focused on service with Integrity, Respect and Professionalism.

The Ocean Township Patrol Division is headed by Lieutenant George M. Thompson who oversees all patrol officers, traffic safety officers and the department K9 unit.



Patrol..... By The Numbers

2018 Overall Patrol Numbers

Patrol	2017	2018
Patrol Related Incidents	35,160	41,355
Motor Vehicle Stops	5,100	5,729
Motor Vehicle Summons	1,143	1,707
Arrests	507	509
DWI Arrests	21	23

A closer look.....

Type of Call	2017	2018
Abandoned 911	63	34
Abandoned Motor Vehicle	5	6
Motor Vehicle Accidents (Total)	204	219
Commercial / Residential Alarms	66	339
Animal Complaints / Investigations	276	287
Assaults / Fights	21	17
Assist other Police Agencies	166	148
Bad Checks	1	2
Burglary (Total)	37	19
Commercial Business Checks	19177	22235
Check Well Being	129	171
Child Abuse Investigations	0	2
Civil Custody Investigations	4	18
Civil Matter Investigations	16	24
Complaint Warrant Arrests	393	376
Community Policing Incidents	93	246
General Complaints	540	508
Crime Prevention Checks / Extra Patrol	439	1164
Criminal Mischief Investigations	36	46
Curfew Violations	1	1
Cyber Harassment	8	12
Disabled Motor Vehicles Assistance	160	137
Disorderly Persons Investigations	4	3
General Disturbance	10	8
Domestic Violence Investigations	43	51
Drug Investigations	78	70
Drunk Driving Investigations	21	23
Dumping Investigations	3	14
Eluding	1	0
Police Escorts (Keep the Peace)	111	105
Family Dispute	12	22

Type of Call	2017	2018
Fire Related Calls	94	93
Fireworks Complaints	21	28
First Aid Calls / Mutual Aid	828	888
Fish and Game Violations	2	2
Fraud Investigations	53	36
Gas Leaks	9	12
Complaints of Gun Shots	11	11
Harassment Investigations	51	69
Helmet Violations	17	54
Hindering Apprehension Investigations	6	8
Hitchhiker Complaints	2	2
Residential House Watch Checks	3838	3766
Identity Theft Investigations	10	17
Intoxicated Person(s)	37	16
Juvenile investigations	21	11
Landlord / Tennant Disputes	6	15
Motor Vehicle / Residential Lockouts	93	106
Missing Person(s)	14	18
Loitering	5	0
Municipal Building Checks	226	232
Motor Vehicle Stops	5100	5729
Neighbor Disputes	21	25
Noise Complaints	44	42
Death Notifications	19	9
Odor Investigations	13	4
Off-Road Vehicle Complaints	11	17
Open Door / Window Investigations	60	63
Open Gate Investigations	15	6
Local Ordinance Violations	12	9
Parking Violations	67	80
Patrol Decoy	116	199
PESS Evaluations	60	63
Police Contact	18	44
Police Information Only	178	240
Possession of Stolen Property Investigations	0	1
Power Outage	11	13
Property Lost / Stolen Investigation	65	51
Recovered Property	77	80
Public Assist	183	80
Radar Details / Traffic Details	156	1310
Rape/Sexual Assault Investigations	4	4
Police Record Checks	198	196
Recovered Evidence	1	2
Resisting Arrest Investigations	1	2
Robbery	0	3

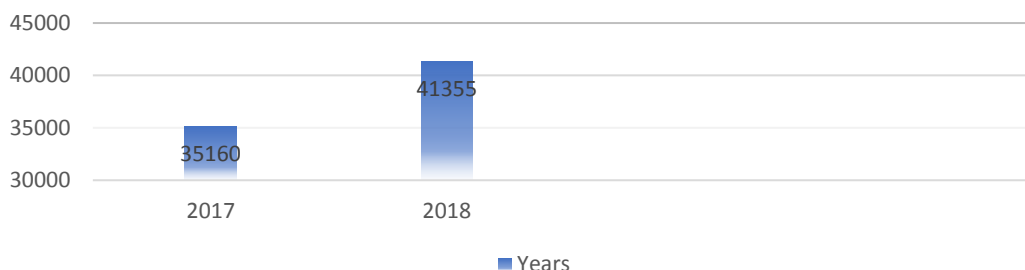
Type of Call	2017	2018
Runaway	1	1
Shoplifting / Theft	14	20
Smoke Investigation	18	16
Soliciting Complaints	8	14
School Resource Officer Request	1	3
Suicide / Attempted Suicide	4	4
Suspicious Motor Vehicle Investigations	416	426
Suspicious Package Investigation	1	6
Suspicious Person Investigation	181	171
Taking a Motor Vehicle without Consent	3	1
Theft related Calls	58	63
Threats	29	18
Traffic Complaints	258	274
Traffic Control	17	22
Traffic Hazard	68	116
Trespassing	17	24
Unattended Death Investigations	13	14
Verbal Disputes	103	94
Violations of Restraining Orders	12	9
Wires Down / Arcing Complaints	42	96
Weapons Offense investigations	4	0
Total	35160	41355

Based upon a comparison of statistically data noted above and UCR Report generated from 2017 to 2018 to Township of Ocean saw a decrease of crime in the amount of **5.15%**.

A closer examination of numbers shows that patrol officers increased their presence within the Township of Ocean. Commercial Property Checks increased by **16%**, Crime Prevention / Extra Patrol Checks increased by **165%**, Municipal Building Checks increased by **3%**, Motor Vehicle Stops increased by **12%**, Police Contacts increased by **144%** and Radar / Traffic Details increased by **740%**.

The presence and visibility increase of patrol officers within the Township of Ocean served to deter criminal activity as evident by a **49%** decrease in residential and commercial burglaries and a **42%** decrease in motor vehicle related burglaries.

PATROL RELATED INCIDENTS



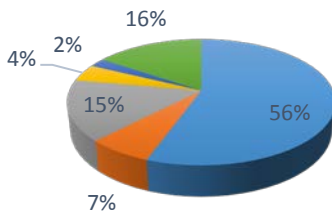
K9 Unit

The Ocean Township Police Department K9 Unit consist of two K9 teams. K9 Kaver, an 8 year old Belgium Malinois is partnered with Sgt. James Capaccio Jr. and K9 Remmi, a 4 year old German Shepard is partnered with Ptl. Nicholas McGavin. Our K9 teams are primarily responsible for assisting the patrol units with narcotics searches, tracking suspects who commit criminal acts and locating missing persons. Additionally our K9 team performs numerous demonstration events throughout the year as a community outreach tool.



2018 K9 Team Activity

- Criminal / Vehicle Searches
- Tracking Incidents
- Building Searches
- Article Searches
- Crowd Control
- Demonstrations



Criminal Investigations Division

Over the course of the 2018 calendar year, the Ocean Township Police Department Criminal Investigations Division comprised of Detective Andrew Riden and Detective Jeremy Samuel. The Criminal Investigations Division also comprises of (1) Administrative Confidential Secretary. From July of 2018 to October of 2018, Officer Leanne Petracca, was temporarily assigned to the division to assist with caseload.



Criminal Investigations

The primary function of the Division is the investigation of reported crimes. The Division investigations all adult, juvenile, narcotic and school related crimes.

2018	Cases Assigned	Cases Closed	Cleared by Arrest
	260	239	51

Based upon the above year to date totals, the following information was developed:

- **91%** of criminal cases for 2018 were cleared and closed
- **9%** of criminal cases are still considered active investigations and have been carried over into the next calendar year.
- **35%** of criminal cases, where a crime was committed by an individual(s), have been closed by way of arrest (clearance rate)

**** It should be noted that the arrest clearance rate for the first 6 months of the year was approximately 18%. Once Office Petracca was temporarily assigned to the division to assist with caseload the clearance rate increased to 42%. In October, Officer Petracca was reassigned to the patrol division and the overall clearance rate for the year averaged to 35%.*

Fatal / Non-Fatal Drug Overdose Investigations

The Criminal Investigations Division of the Ocean Township Police Department is responsible for responding to and conducting follow up investigations for all overdoses that occur within this township.

	<i>Non – Fatal Overdose</i>	<i>Fatal Overdose</i>	<i>Naloxone Deployment</i>
<i>2018</i>	30	4	13

Administrative Investigations

The Ocean Township Criminal Investigations Division is tasked with conducting numerous types of administrative background investigations. Those investigations consist of firearms, towing service, liquor license, vendor, second hand dealer, volunteer First Aid Squad, volunteer Fire Company, CERT, dispatch, and officer background investigations.

Firearms Investigations

Overall, 127 individual firearms background investigations for Firearms Identification Cards and/or Handgun Permits were accepted and assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division. It should be noted that the administrative confidential secretary assisted with the completion of each application prior to the review and final approval by Det. Ridsen.

2018	Investigations	Permits	Identification Cards
	127	194	72

Based upon the above year to date totals, the following information was developed:

- 97% of Firearm Investigations have been completed and closed within 2018
- 3% of those investigations have been carried over into 2019

Volunteer / Ordinance and Employment Investigations

2018	Investigations
	66

Overall, 66 administrative backgrounds, other than firearms were completed. They consisted of towing service, liquor license, vendor, second hand dealer, volunteer Fire and First Aid, CERT, dispatch and officer employment.

Megan's Law Offender Registration

The Criminal Investigations Division is also tasked with registration and monitoring Megan's Law offenders residing within Ocean Township. There are currently (11) eleven offenders residing within Ocean Township.

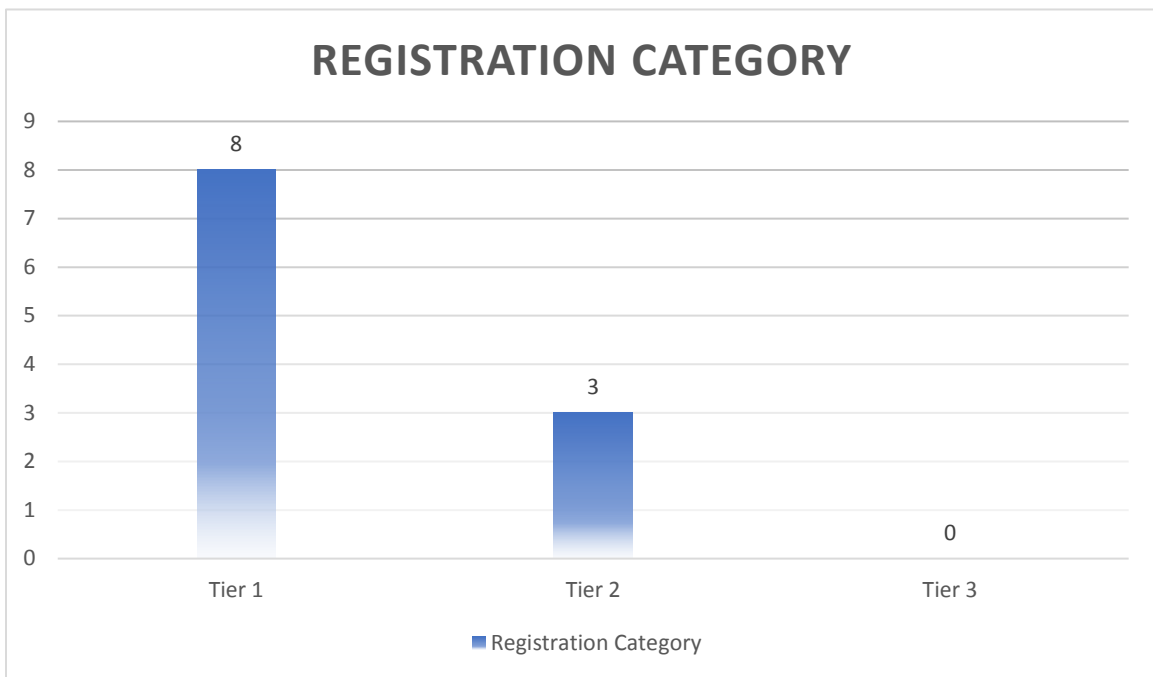
Megan's Law provide for a central registry of offenders and community notification procedures that require county prosecutors to place offenders into one of three categories based on the risk of re-offense. Those categories are as follows:

Tier 1 – is used when the risk of re-offense is determined to be low. Notification is to law enforcement personnel only.

Tier 2 – is used when the risk of re-offense is determined to be moderate. Notification is to law enforcement agencies, community organizations, and agencies and groups that have registered with the Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office. All local educational institutions, licenses day care centers and summer camps that are likely to encounter the offender are notified.

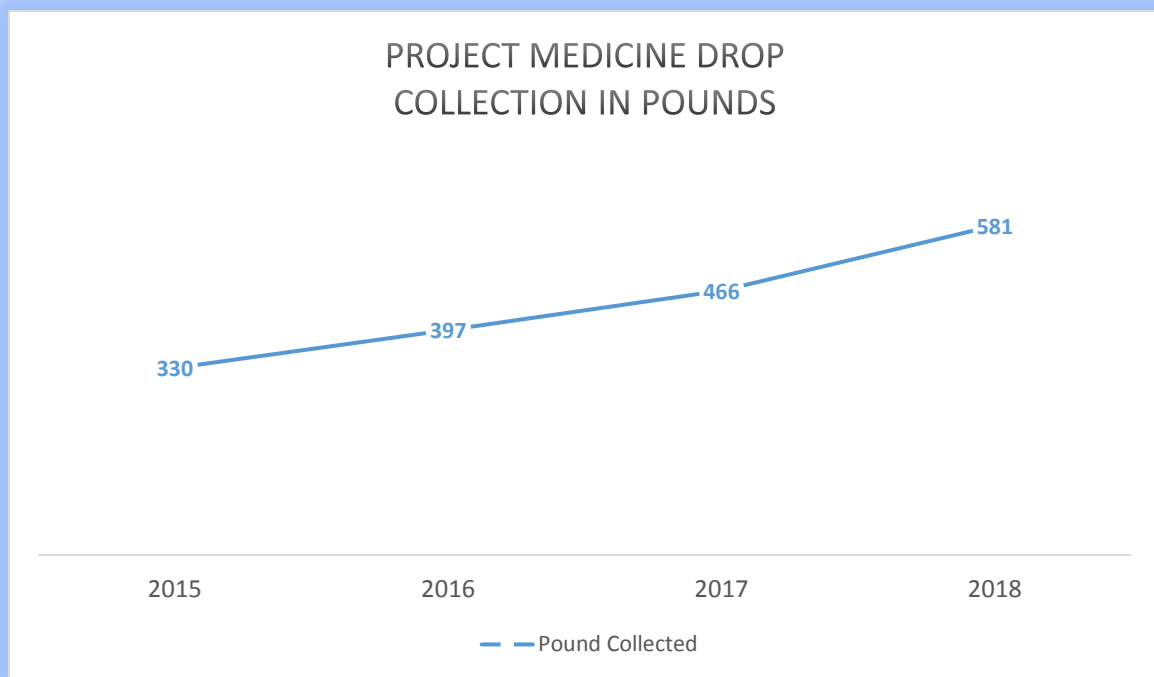
Tier 3 – is used when the risk of re-offense is determined to be high. In addition to the notification in Tier 2, members of the public who are likely to encounter the offender are also notified.

In accordance with the Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office, the Criminal Investigation Division follows firm guidelines for registration of Megan’s Law violators. It is our obligation to fingerprint, photographs, track and maintain meticulous files on these offenders. Our detectives conduct random inspections on offenders to ensure no violations are being committed. This information is regularly reported to the Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office. Detectives also utilize the offender watch website that includes documentation of offenders from other municipalities in addition to offenders within Ocean Township.



Project Medicine Drop

Project Medicine Drop allows the public to dispose of unused and expired prescription medications safely, securely, and anonymously. The opportunity is available seven days a week, 365 days a year. The Ocean Township Police Department maintains a “Project Medicine Drop” box in the lobby of the police department at 50 Railroad Ave. in Waretown, NJ which is available 7 days a week and 365 days a year.



2018 saw a 24.6% increase in the collection of unused, unwanted and expired medication. Since the inception of the Project Medicine Drop program in 2015 the Ocean Township Police Department has collected and disposed of 1,774 pounds of medication.

Property and Evidence

The Ocean Township Police Department Criminal Investigations Division is also responsible for Property and Evidence and more specifically the management and control of all evidence and property coming into the custody of the department. Strict accountability is maintained for all property and evidence. The function is critical to supporting investigations and promoting successful prosecution of criminal trials. Detectives also facilitate the timely return of property to owners. A properly administrated property and evidence function promotes the agencies reputation as honest, reputable and worthy of the public’s confidence and trust.

Other duties include the delivery of weapons, preparation of forfeiture applications, and the destruction and disposal of property.

Forfeiture

The Ocean Township Police Department Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for managing all forfeitures of the Ocean Township Police Department. The totals for 2018 are as follows:

	2018
U.S. Currency	\$3,056.00
Vehicles	\$24,000.00
Other	\$0.00
Total	\$27,056.00

Detective Bureau



Traffic Safety Unit

The Ocean Township Police Department Traffic Safety Unit is dedicated to promoting and improving traffic safety through education, analysis and enforcement. The unit currently consists of Sgt. H. Jarin, Cpl. S. Mandarine and Ptl. P. Calanni.

The primary responsibility of the Traffic Safety Unit is safety of motorists and pedestrians in Ocean Township. In addition the unit also:

- Investigates complaints of unsafe condition on all public roadways within the township.
- Develops and coordinates the department’s selective enforcement programs to include speed enforcement details and safety checkpoints.
- Conducts analysis of accident data information to reduce serious accidents and address high accident areas.
- Conducts technical accident investigations, to include all fatal and serious injury accidents. The unit also provides support in follow-up investigations and reconstruction.
- Member liaison with neighboring traffic safety units as well as the Ocean County Fatal Accident Team and New Jersey State Police Traffic Safety Units.
- Educates the public on traffic safety issues through lectures, pamphlets and safety programs.

Year	Reportable Accident	Non Reportable Accident	Fatal Accident	Accident w/ Injury	Pedestrian Struck	Hit and Run Accident
2016	160	24	1	19	4	26
2017	134	22	0	21	4	23
2018	148	21	0	22	6	22

There were 219 motor vehicle accidents investigated in 2018 (6.8% increase) from the 204 which occurred in 2017. 148 of those accidents were Reportable Motor Vehicle Accidents (10.4% increase), 21 Non Reportable Accidents (4.5% decrease), 0 Fatal Accidents (no change), 22 Accidents with injuries (4.5% increase) and 22 Hit and Run Accident Investigations (4.5% decrease)

Office of Professional Standards

The Ocean Township Police Department Office of Professional Standards accepts, reviews and responds to all complaints against police officers received from the public or from superior officers within the organization. Citizen complaints may be made in person, by telephone, fax, and internet or through the mail. These include anonymous complaints, complaints from third party witnesses, juveniles and complaints from parties not directly involved in the incident from which an allegation arises. All allegations are carried to their logical conclusion by experienced and trained investigators.

The investigative process assess the propriety of all on duty or off duty conduct during the incident in which the alleged misconduct occurred. If during the course of an investigation there is an indication that misconduct other than that alleged the investigator examines the additional potential misconduct to its logical conclusion.

Disciplinary Process

In any given year officers of the Ocean Township Police Department are involved in thousands of citizen contacts. Many are routine and many involve critical situations. The Professional Standards Unit is tasked with handling complaints from the public regarding officer conduct, as well as rare allegations of criminal conduct by department members. During 2018, no criminal charges were filed against any officer of this agency.

Allegations and Outcomes

All complaints are categorized based on the alleged offense. Upon the completion of the investigation it is reviewed by the Chief of Police and is designated with one the following dispositions:

- **Exonerated:** The alleged incident did occur, by the actions of the officer were justified, legal and proper.
- **Sustained:** The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove the allegation, and the actions of the officer violated a provision of the agency's rules and regulations or procedures.
- **Not sustained:** The investigation failed to disclose sufficient evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegation.
- **Unfounded:** The alleged incident did not occur

2018 Complaints

During 2018, 9 complaints were investigated of which 6 were filed by citizens and 3 were agency initiated investigations.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUMMARY REPORT FORMS

Agency: Ocean Township Police Department County: Ocean
 Reporting Time: January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

TABLE 1 - COMPLAINTS FILED

Type of Complaint	Anonymous Complaints	Citizen Complaints	Agency Complaints	Total Complaints
Excessive Force	0	0	0	0
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	0	0	0
Other Criminal Violation	0	0	0	0
Differential Treatment	0	0	0	0
Demeanor	0	2	0	2
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	0	4	3	7
Total	0	6	3	9

2018 Dispositions

Of the 9 Internal Investigations conducted by the Office of Professional Standards in 2018, the final dispositions were as follows:

4 Sustained 3 Exonerated 2 Not Sustained

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUMMARY REPORT FORMS

Agency: Ocean Township Police Department County: Ocean
 Reporting Year: January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

TABLE 2 - AGENCY DISPOSITIONS

	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively Closed	Total Dispositions
Excessive Force	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Criminal Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Differential Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Demeanor	0	1	1	0	0	2
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	4	2	1	0	0	7
TOTAL	4	3	2	0	0	9

In 2018, there were no sustained allegations that resulted in a fine or suspension in excess of 9 days.

Communications Division

The Ocean Township Police Department Communications Division is the essential location for all information flowing to and from the police department. Police Communication's officer (Dispatchers) are the first to answer a call whether it be via radio, telephone or a walk in complaint in the lobby. Our 7 full-time dispatchers operate and monitor 18 radio channels which include:

- SPEN (Statewide Police Emergency Network)
- NJ Forest Fire Service
- Office of Emergency Management
- Ocean Township Department of Public Works
- Lacey Township Police Department
- Barnegat Township Police Department
- Stafford Township Police Department
- Ocean Township Police Department (Main Channel)
- Ocean Township Police Department (Back-up Channel)
- Ocean Township Police department (School Channel)
- Ocean County EMS 1
- Ocean Township Emergency Medical Services (Private)

Communications personnel also monitor 47 monitors of camera footage throughout the township which include:

- 25 municipal grounds cameras
- 16 police department cameras
- 6 park cameras

Communications personnel also control various access and monitor equipment which includes:

- 6 door lock throughout the municipal complex
- 8 panic alert buttons

In 2018, Communications Personnel handled **42,240** calls for service with the very first call of the year being an alarm activation and the last call of the year handled was an attempted suicide. Of the **44,240** calls handled by personnel, **1,328** calls were handled over the KML 911 System by our trained dispatchers.



Community Emergency Response Team



The Ocean Township Office of Emergency Management prepares for everyday emergencies. However, during a disaster, the number and scope of incidents can overwhelm conventional emergency services. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is an all-risk, all-hazard training. This valuable course is designed to help your neighbors and your neighborhood in an emergency situation.

CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens may initially be on their own and their actions can make a difference. While people will respond to others in need without the training, one goal of the CERT program is to help them do so effectively and efficiently without placing themselves in unnecessary danger. In the CERT training, citizens learn to:

- manage utilities and put out small fires,
- treat the three medical killers by opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating for shock,
- provide basic medical aid,
- search for and rescue victims safely,
- organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective,
- and collect disaster intelligence to support first responder efforts.

The Community Emergency Response Team program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

Lt. Scott Murphy oversees the Ocean Township Community Emergency Response team which proudly encompasses 73 members. In 2018, there were no emergency activations of the CERT Team however the team did participate in countless volunteer community events.

Community Outreach Programs and Services

The Ocean Township Police Department Community Outreach Programs and Services Unit consists of all Community Relations, Crime Prevention, School Safety and Youth Programs. The goal of the C.O.P.S. Unit is to proactively Address the needs and concerns of Ocean Twp. Residents, businesses, schools, religious organizations and civic/homeowner's associations. Through planning, facilitation and implementation of programs and initiatives that reach out to all of these facets of our community, we enable the ability to reduce crime and the fear of crime as we work together in our shared goal of enhancing the quality of life in Ocean Township.



Our Community Outreach Programs and Services Unit strives to maintain a high level of involvement in our community, assisting with many community programs throughout the year such as County Library events, recreational sports, fundraising events and community gatherings.

Community Programs in 2018 included our Junior Police Academy, Friday Night Skate Nights, Special Needs Registry, Project LifeLine, D.A.R.E., #NotEvenOnce and our Free Little Library to name a few.

Register Ready - Special Needs Registry

The NJ Special Needs Registry is designed to help emergency responders locate and safely evacuate people who could find it difficult to help themselves in the event of a major disaster, such as a hurricane. You (or someone on your behalf) should register if you may find it difficult to get to safety with family or friends, or to a public shelter during an emergency evacuation, because of a physical or cognitive limitation, language barrier, or lack of transportation. You will only be asked for information necessary to get you to the safest place possible, if you have no other means to evacuate. The NJ Special Needs Registry complies with all laws to protect your privacy and confidential information. Our only goal is to keep you and your loved ones safe.

How can I register?

- Log onto www.registerready.nj.gov
- Telephone 2-1-1, toll free
- Telephone your county Office of Emergency Management
- Stop by police headquarters and complete a NJ Ready packet.

PREPARING IS CARING ARE YOU REGISTER READY?



D.A.R.E.

The Ocean Township Police Department is proud to continue our partnership with DARE, which is an international leader in Drug Prevention School Based Programs for over four decades. DARE instruction is focused in both the Waretown Elementary School in a 4 week curriculum taught by Ptl. Robert Bleichner from grade K through 3. Ptl. Michael Cicero teaches DARE in the Frederic A. Priff Elementary School in a 10 week curriculum from grade 4-6. This year a total of 454 students were taught the “Keeping it Real” Program through DARE. The program also saw the graduation of 58 6th grade students.

Ocean Township Junior Police Academy

The Ocean Township Junior Police Academy was not designed to be a “boot camp” for troubled youth, but a camp designed to operate like an actual police academy. The objective of the Junior Police Academy is to educate the recruits with various police procedures, history of law enforcement and familiarization with numerous specialty units within the law enforcement field such as Police K-9, Special Weapons and tactics, Traffic Safety, Fish and Game Enforcement and the Department of Corrections. The curriculum consists of educational activities as well as physical training and drill.

In 2018 the Ocean Township Police Department held its 7th annual Police Academy from July 9th, 2018 to July 13th, 2018. Forty-two (42) recruits made up for 4th, 5th and 6th grade students of the Ocean Township School District attended the academy. Of those 42 recruits, 22 were male and 20 were female. Our Junior Police Academy continues to draw out the best of the best from our school district and continues to be a huge success with families and officers.





In response to the growing opiate epidemic, the Ocean Township Police Department partnered with the Stafford Township Police Department in the implementation of a new interactive high school opiate awareness program entitled #NotEvenOnce. Instructed by Ptl. Robert Bleichner along with other officers from the area, this interactive course is a collaborative efforts between law enforcement and educators with the goal of informing students about the dangers of opiates before they leave for college or enter the work force. This program, which meets all of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for health classes, is taught to students during their senior year of high school. The ultimate goal behind this program is to educate students about opiate abuse and give them the tools they need to make better decisions. Ocean Township is a “sending district” which mean that we send out Middle School and High Schools students to the Southern Regional School District so that is why we felt it was important for our agency to have a presence with this program.

Friday Night Skate Night

Friday Night Skate Night saw the Partnering of the Ocean Township Municipal Alliance and the Ocean Township Police Department to introduce a new community policing event, Friday Night Skate Night. Utilizing current infrastructure in the Township, the Police Department hosted a skate night which included music provided by DJ Artie. The Skate Night was held on September 7th, 2018 from 6pm to 10pm and allowed children of all ages to use skateboards, scooters and in line skates at the skate park at night.

FRIDAY NIGHT SKATE NIGHT

Free Event!!!
September 7, 2018
6pm to 10pm
50 Railroad Ave.
Waretown, NJ 08758
Skate Park!!!

Music by **DJ ARTIE**

FATAL VISION

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN

The Ocean Township Skate Park located in the municipal parking lot will be open to all guests from 6:00pm to 10:00pm on September 7, 2018, with live music provided by DJ Artie and lights provided by the Township of Ocean. The event will also include the Fatal Vision Impairment Course and the Marijuana Simulation Goggle Experience.

The skate park is specifically for the use of skateboards, scooters and in-line skates. Bicycles are not permitted. All users are required to wear a helmet in the skate park at all times and follow all the posted skate park rules.

PARENTS WHO HOST THE MOST IT'S AGAINST THE LAW.

Sponsored by Township of Ocean Municipal Alliance



Free Little Library



In 2018, Chief Michal J. Rogalski, The Township of Ocean and the men and women of the Ocean Township Police Department were proud to announce the arrival of a Little Free Library at the Ocean Township Police Department. The library, painted in Ocean Township Police Department “Blue and White” is located outside of the police lobby at 50 Railroad Ave. in Waretown, NJ 08758.

The Ocean Township Police Department received its Little Free Library – a wooden, birdhouse like home for books people can take and restock for free – after applying to a program that donated 100 standard and mobile libraries to U.S. Police Departments. The initiative is part of the Little Free Library organization’s “Kids, Community & Cops Program”.

Our new library is similar to the Little Free Libraries you may have seen around. Many personnel in the police department love to read and look forward to assisting in helping others become passionate about reading. Recent research by the Department of Justice shows that low literacy is strongly connected to crime and delinquency. We hope that our Little Free Library program can attract new partnerships with community groups and demonstrate a heightened commitment to the residents. The Little Free Library will give another reason for our officers to interact directly with kids and their parents while building on community trust.

Through the Little Free Library, the Ocean Township Police Department looks forward to forging new partnerships, supporting literacy, opening the door to additional services and providing stories of community service!

Safe Exchange Zone

The “Safe Exchange Zone” program is intended to address the safety concerns brought about with on-line purchases from websites such as Craigslist, eBay, Facebook groups, and classified ads, etc. and to provide a safe location for families with visitation rights to make the custodial exchange.

The Ocean Township Police Department has no known transactions that have gone awry, however it is our commitment to always put community safety first. While we are implementing the “Safe Exchange Zone” to provide a safe area for buyers and sellers to meet, it is important to remember that people you meet on-line are strangers and can pose dangers. Not every buyer or seller you meet on-line is someone who is true with their intent.

The “Safe Exchange Zone” is located in the front visitor parking lot of the Ocean Township Police Department located at 50 Railroad Avenue in Waretown, New Jersey. Two designated parking spaces have been clearly marked for the program where buyers, sellers and parents can meet and make the exchange. The marked area is under 24 hour video surveillance which is recorded by a state of the art security cameras.

The Ocean Township Police Department will not be used to make illegal transactions of narcotics, dangerous or deadly weapons or any other dangerous materials. In addition, department employees will not be used to witness or be a part of these transactions. We are just providing a safe location to conduct your transactions.



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The House Watch Program is designed for residents of the Township of Ocean who are planning vacations or may be away from home for an extended period of time. Ocean Township Police Officers will check residences on the House Watch Program daily, looking for suspicious activity or anything out of the ordinary. The service is free, and your residence can be listed in the House Watch Program for any length of time. All you need to do is fill out a request form which can be obtained at the Ocean Township Police Department (50 Railroad Ave. Waretown, NJ 08758). Completed forms can be delivered to the Police Department in person any time prior to departure.

Coffee with a Cop

The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barrier between police officers and the citizens they serve by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers in your neighborhoods.



Project LifeLine

Project "Life Line" is a program initiated by the Ocean Township Police Department for the many Senior Citizens of Ocean Township who live alone or are looking for some peace of mind.

The resident will be required to telephone Ocean Township Police Department every morning before 10:00 am to let us know that all is well. If the resident has not called in by 10:00 am, Ocean Township Police personnel will place a call to that resident. If there is no answer, a police officer will be dispatched to the residence to check on the resident's well-being.

This program is very effective for those who are ill, injured or disabled and live alone or couples who are active but would like to be checked on.

For additional information and/or applications, contact Ocean Township Police Department at 609-693-4007.



Ocean Township Police Department



2018 Annual Report

The Ocean Township Police Department's 2018 Annual Report was produced by the hardworking men and women of the Ocean Township Police Department

