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2023 NJSACOP ACE Certification Program Update
ACE (Accredited Chief/Command Executive) Certification Program Award

The New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police has recently awarded certification status to **five (5)** deserving police executives at its May monthly meeting. Certification Status lasts for three years. At the end of that period, Command Executives and Chiefs of Police must show they have maintained the training and leadership standards since their initial award of certification. Achieving Command Executives join a select group, only thirty three percent (33%) of state police chiefs are certified; and only twenty nine percent (29%) of municipalities have certified command executives.

Each applicant below recently underwent peer reviews conducted by NJSACOP Accredited Chief/Command Executive (ACE) Program and has successfully earned the following designations:

Accredited Command Executive-Chief of Police:

City of Englewood Police Chief Thomas M. Greeley

Galloway Township Police Chief Richard D. Barber

Accredited Command Executive:

Galloway Township Police Captain Eric B. Hendrickson

Cape May County Prosecutor's Office Captain Daniel D. Holt

Robbinsville Township Police Lieutenant William G. Swanhart III

Chief Thomas M. Greeley is a 1999 graduate of the 83rd Basic Police Class of the Bergen County Police Academy. At graduation, he was the recipient of the Top Gun Award for Firearms Proficiency. Following graduation, he was assigned to the Patrol Division. During his time in the Patrol Division he became a certified Field Training Instructor. This enabled him to train graduating recruits joining the ranks of the police department. He was also certified in Methods of Instruction. This enabled him to train recruits while they were in the police academy. In 2007, Chief Greeley was promoted to Sergeant. He was a Squad Supervisor in the Patrol Division until 2010 when he was reassigned to the Traffic Unit. As a Sergeant, he also had assignments in the Professional Standards Unit and the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Fatal Accident Investigation Unit. In 2016, Chief Greeley was promoted to Lieutenant. He served in the Patrol Division until 2017, at which time he was assigned to the Youth Services Unit. In 2019, he was assigned as Executive Officer of the Criminal Investigations Bureau. In June of 2021 he was promoted to Captain. That December, he was promoted to Deputy Chief of Police. He was promoted to Chief of Police in July 2022. Chief Greeley received his Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Stockton University in 1997. In 2009, he received his Master of Administrative Science Degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck. He also received certificates in Administrative Science and Emergency Management Administration. Chief Greeley is a graduate of the F.B.I. Mid-Atlantic Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Seminar and their Police Executive Leadership Institute. Chief Greeley is a 2015 graduate of the prestigious Command and Leadership Program through the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police.

Chief Richard D. Barber started his law enforcement career as a Patrol Officer with the Mullica Police Department in 1999. That same year he transferred to the Galloway Township Police Department and was assigned to the Patrol Division. In January of 2011, he was assigned as a Corporal where his responsibilities included being a Crisis Negotiator, Radar Instructor and Traffic Crash Reconstructionist. In March of 2011, he was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to Support Services. In August of 2015, he was promoted to Lieutenant in Support Services and oversaw the Detective Bureau and Traffic Unit. In November of 2018, Chief Barber was promoted to Captain, Operations Commander. In March of 2022, he was promoted to Chief. Chief Barber received his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice in 1991 from Atlantic County Community College. In 1994, he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Richard Stockton College. Chief Barber is a graduate of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Foundation for Executive Leadership and the distinguished Command and Leadership Program.

Captain Eric Hendrickson started his law enforcement career with the Cape May County prosecutor's Office as a Narcotics Investigator in April of 2000. That November, he was hired by the Galloway Township Police Department. His initial assignment was in the Patrol Division. In November of 2003, he was reassigned to the Detective Bureau. In April of 2011 he was assigned back to the Patrol Division as a Corporal. In January of 2015, he was promoted to Sergeant 1st Class. Through 2019, he held assignments in both the Patrol and Investigations Division. Captain Hendrickson was promoted to Lieutenant in February of 2019. In September of 2022, he was promoted to Captain-Operations Commander. Captain Hendrickson has held assignments as a Public Information Officer, Firearms Instructor, Field Training Officer and Physical Conditioning Instructor. He is a past member of the Atlantic County S.W.A.T. team where he served as an Operator, Assistant Team Leader, and Team Leader. Captain Hendrickson received his Associate Degree from Atlantic Community College in 1998. In 2017, he received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Captain Hendrickson is a 2020 graduate of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership Program. He is a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy Class #282.

Captain Dan Holt has 25 years of law enforcement experience and is the Commander of Operations, responsible for all Investigative Units within the office. He began his career as a Special Law Enforcement Officer in 1998 for the City of North Wildwood. In 2001, he was hired as a full time Police Officer for the City of North Wildwood, where he later attained the rank of Detective. In 2007, he was hired by the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office as a County Detective. In his career as a Detective with the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office, he has worked in the Major Crimes Unit, Special Victims Unit and the Gangs, Guns, and Narcotics Task Force. In 2014 he obtained the rank of Sergeant in charge of the Major Crimes Unit before transitioning into the Gangs, Guns, and Narcotics Task Force. In 2016 he advanced to the rank of Lieutenant and served as the Commander of the Gangs, Guns, and Narcotics Task Force until his promotion to Captain in 2022. Captain Holt possesses a Bachelor of Arts degree in Forensic Psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Lieutenant William Swanhart was hired by the Robbinsville Township Police Department in December of 2006 and graduated the Burlington County Police Academy Class # 87. Prior to his appointment with the Robbinsville Township Police Department he worked for New Jersey Transit Police. Lieutenant Swanhart served as a patrolman/traffic officer until 2012. In October of 2012, Lieutenant Swanhart was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit. In July of 2013, Lieutenant Swanhart was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, where he was assigned supervision of the Criminal Investigation's Unit. Lieutenant Swanhart was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in July of 2016 and assigned to the Criminal Investigation's Unit. In 2022, Lieutenant Swanhart was assigned to the position of Administrative Lieutenant, where his current duties are oversight of the department's Internal Affairs function, Public Information Officer, Field Training Officer

Program, Traffic Unit, and School Resource Officers. During his career with the Robbinsville Township Police Department Lieutenant William Swanhart was a Drug

Recognition Expert, Evidence Custodian, Internal Affairs Officer, Department Training Coordinator, member of the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office Cyber Crimes Task Force, and worked with various federal, county, and local law enforcement partners. In 2010, Lieutenant Swanhart received the State of New Jersey Highway Traffic Safety Top Gun DWI Enforcement award. In 2014 and 2015, Lieutenant Swanhart received training from the United States Secret Service in Hoover, Alabama involving computer forensics. Lieutenant William Swanhart graduated the FBI-LEEDA Law Enforcement Development Course in 2017. Lieutenant Swanhart is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy Session #285.

The NJSACOP ACE Certification Program directly encourages New Jersey's law enforcement executives to attain sanctioned benchmarks in pursuit of a recommended standard for police leadership that are measurable and attainable. By offering proof of these standards to NJSACOP Assessors, individual police leaders can attain NJSACOP Accredited Chief/Command Executive (ACE) Certification Status.

NJSACOP ACE Chairman, Chief Stephen Beecher stated: "The ACE Certification Program is in keeping with the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics, the 21st Century Report and Recommendations on Policing and the state association's declared philosophy; the Certification Program measures essential proofs in three areas for the ACE and ACE-

COP Certification, and in five areas for the ACE-COP Advanced Certification. If it is merited, NJACOP awards individual leadership accredited status based on those appraisals. The ACE Program also promotes and encourages continued education through ACE Re-Certification Program requirements."

It is the policy of the NJSACOP to promote professional competence, continued education and career development among all members of law enforcement and in particularly amongst our leaders. In order to achieve this goal the NJSACOP encourages current, future and retired chiefs and police executives to participate in the ACE Certification Program.

The New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) is a professional membership organization serving New Jersey's law enforcement and private security executives. Our core mission is to promote and enhance the highest ethical and professional standards in law enforcement at all levels throughout New Jersey. For more information visit www.njsacop.org.