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Township of Ocean New Chief of Police Promoted

Township Manager Andrew Brannen has announced the promotion of Detective Lieutenant Steven R. Peters to the rank of Chief of the Ocean Township Police Department effective March 1, 2012. Chief Peters joined the department in August 1987. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1997 and promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2005. He has served as a supervisor in various units of the police department during his career including the Patrol Bureau, Traffic Bureau, Administrative Division and Criminal Investigation Bureau. He has been assigned to the Criminal Investigation Unit since 2006. Chief Peters holds a Bachelors Degree from Wagner College and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the New Jersey Certified Public Manager program.

“I am very pleased to have Chief Peters fill this key leadership position in the Township,” Mayor William Larkin said. “The Council and I are confident that he will build on the successes of the previous administration and continue to move the department forward.”

Mr. Brannen has also announced the promotion of Lieutenant Michael Resetar and Lieutenant Earl Gifford, both to the rank of Captain. These promotions are also effective March 1, 2012.

Captain Resetar joined the department in May 1986. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1998 and to the rank of Lieutenant in 2005. He has served as a supervisor in both the Patrol Bureau and the Administrative Division. He holds a Bachelors Degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University and is in the process of completing a Master’s Degree program at Fairleigh Dickinson. Captain Resetar is also a graduate of the New Jersey Certified Public Manager program.

Captain Gifford joined the department in January 1986. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1999 and the rank of Lieutenant in 2006. He served as a supervisor in the Patrol Bureau and the Criminal Investigation Bureau and is a graduate of the New Jersey Certified Public Manager program.

“Chief Peters, Captain Gifford, and Captain Resetar are a talented and dedicated group of professionals and I am looking forward to working with them as they transition into their new roles,” Brannen said. “Our police department has always been recognized as one of the premier law enforcement agencies in Monmouth County and I am confident that this tradition will continue under the new administration.”

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