



Chief Frank Eisele - 1930

On December 21, 1928 the Township Committee passed on final reading Ordinance #115 to "Establish a Police Department." On May 17, 1929 the original Ordinance #115 was amended by Ordinance #119 to provide for the "regulation, control and management of a Police Force."

Frank Eisele was appointed the first Police Chief of Township of Ocean in 1929. The department continued to grow under the leadership of the Chiefs to follow:

- Chief of Police Frank Eisele 1929-1956
- Chief of Police Richard J. Garrity 1956-1961
- Chief of Police Harry Harvey 1961-1972
- Chief of Police Neil A. Tantum 1972-1988
- Chief of Police Joseph R. Torchia 1988 – 1991
- Chief of Police William E. Koch 1991 – 2000
- Chief of Police Robert E. Swannack 2000 – 2005
- Chief of Police Antonio V. Amodio Jr. 2005 – 2012
- Chief of Police Steven R. Peters 2012 - Present

The Township of Ocean Police Department today has many divisions of operation and specialty units such as: Patrol, Criminal Investigative, Traffic, Communications, Records Bureau, Technical Services, Underwater Search and Recovery Team, Motorcycle Unit, Honor Guard, Monmouth County Emergency Response Team (MOCERT), Emergency Medical Technician Unit and Police Explorer Post. The Police department has 59 sworn members consisting of a Chief of Police, 3-Captains, 3-Lieutenants, 10-Sergeants, 6-Detectives and 36-Patrol Officers. There are also 7-non-sworn personnel, 4-Special Officer Law Enforcement Officers II, 8-Fulltime Dispatchers, 2-Part-time Dispatchers and 5-School Crossing Guards

The Township of Ocean Police Department was chosen best Police Department in Monmouth County, in the Asbury Park Press Best of the Best in Monmouth County Readers Choice 2011.

