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Police Department - Factsheet

Mayor Gregory E. Myhre and the Township Council took office on January 1, 2019, the following has been completed in conjunction with Chief Thomas Dellane and the Police Department:


In 2019, the Police Department had 51 officers plus the two officers whose salaries were paid for by the Southern Ocean Medical Center. These two officers were directly staffed at the Southern Ocean Medical Center and worked at the hospital. Since that time we have worked with the Department to increase the staffing levels and make sure the Township continues to be safe. We now have 57 sworn officers, including 12 senior officers – Chief of Police, Sergeants, Lieutenants and Captains – and 45 Police Officers, with a plan to get to 60 total officers by 2023. The Department also has Class III officers, who work at the Township schools and at Town Hall, and a Class II officer, who works within the Department. In paid staff for the Police Department, that is a total of 64. We also added two part time civilians, an Accreditation Manager and a Firearms Investigator, along with fully funding the On-POINT program, which was not being fully funded before that time.

14 full time officers have been hired since January 1, 2019 including 9 in 2020. In addition, the governing body has: supported both patrol and promotional lists for the Police Department; reorganized the command structure from one Captain/three Lieutenants to two Captains/two Lieutenants; created an additional Sergeant position to supervise the Drug Enforcement Unit; appointed a lead telecommunicator to guide dispatch; and oversaw construction of the Police Memorial behind the Township building.

The cost to run the Police Department last year was \$9,532,000 in salaries and wages with \$779,450 in other expenses for the Department and this year's proposed 2021 budget increases to \$9,655,000 salaries and wages and \$836,450 in other expenses.

In addition to that, the Police Department has received capital funding in 2020 at \$500,000 and a proposed capital allocation for \$1,232,000 in 2021. These are funds that are used for projects and equipment that the department may need. This year's proposed funds would go towards equipment, building upgrades in the Detective Bureau, upgrades to the Dispatch center, replacement of Police Department vehicles, body cameras, and an impound yard.

I believe this clearly shows that the Township is a safe place, no understaffing is being observed and that I and the entire governing body support the Police Department. Chief Dellane and the Police Department do an excellent job and I take his recommendations very seriously as I want a safe Township. We do this by working together as the governing body, the department and the community.



Mayor Gregory E. Myhre