

Chief

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result in a lot of opportunities for advancement for officers in the department.

“And we have an excellent police department. They do an outstanding job in the community, and I only see them getting better,” Voll said.

Voll said bills in the State

Assembly which would amend state pension and healthcare benefits have caused a lot of concern among public employees, including members of law enforcement.

“A lot of people are concerned with the governor’s changes, so there are a lot of retirements this year because people are not sure what the governor is doing. I guess a lot of guys want to get out before they are affected,” Voll said.

Voll will have to make numerous recommendations for positions being vacated in 2011, including a replacement for Recreation Department Director Zach Zelwak. Voll agreed taking over as township manager at this point was like getting on a train that was already moving.

“But I’m on the train, and I’m the conductor, and I’ll make sure we operate in a smooth and safe manner,” he said.

Donohue’s 30 years as a cop

Police Chief Ed Donohue is retiring after 30 years in law enforcement. A Cape May County native, Donohue has lived in Lower Township for over 30 years.

Donohue grew up in Stone Harbor, where his father, William B. Donohue, was Chief of Police. Donohue graduated from Wildwood Catholic High School and attended Atlantic Community College.

Donohue began his law enforcement career in 1981 when he became a member of the New Jersey State Police Marine Patrol Bureau. He graduated from the New Jersey State Police Academy in Sea Girt in 1982 as a member of the 173rd Municipal Police Class.

Donohue is a certified New Jersey Police Training Commission Instructor and taught for over 20 years at the Cape May County Police Academy, instructing crash injuries management and physical fitness to new police recruits.

Donohue joined the Lower Township Police Department in 1984, where he served on various squads. He was then assigned to the Cape May County Narcotic’s Strike Force in 1987, where he served undercover for

one year. He then served on the department’s Tactical Squad and in 1992 was assigned to the Detective Division.

Chief Donohue became the department’s first Detective First Class in 1994.

Donohue was promoted to Patrol Sergeant in August 1995 and obtained the rank of Lieutenant in April 1998. He was promoted to Captain in August of 2002 and served as the Team Leader for the department’s Hostage Negotiation Team.

Donohue was promoted to Chief of Police in July 2005.

Chief Donohue is a graduate of the New Jersey Certified Public Manager’s Program through Rutgers University and the West Point Command and Leadership Program through the New Jersey State Chief’s Association.

He has attended the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glenkown, Ga., where he was certified as a Police Physical Fitness Instructor and as a graduate of the 2015 Session of the F.B.I. National Academy located in Quantico, Va.

Chief Donohue established the following programs within the Lower Township Police Department:

- Physical Fitness/Wellness Program For Officers.
- Safe Neighborhoods Tip Line.
- Annual Awards Ceremony/Recognition Night for Officers.
- Motorcycle Patrol Unit.
- Integrated the police department’s SWAT Team in cooperation with other Police Chiefs and the Cape May County Prosecutor’s Office, into the new Cape May County Regional SWAT Team.

Lower Township SWAT Officers are now part of the Cape May County’s Regional SWAT Team’s Mainland Unit.

Chief Donohue has headed up the SWAT Steering Committee for the Cape May County Police Chiefs Association since the inception of the Regional SWAT Team.

Chief Donohue is also the Vice President of the Cape May County Police Chiefs Association and Chairman of the Cape May County Police Training Committee.

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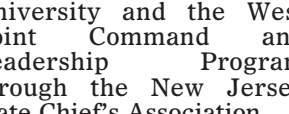
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