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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 March 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:

Delaware River Port Authority Police Chief Edward W. Cobbs, Jr.

Somerdale Police Chief James J. Walsh

Atlantic Highlands Police Chief Scott H. Reinert

Accredited Command Executive:

Sayreville Police Acting Chief Daniel T. Plumacker

Delaware River Port Authority Police Lieutenant Michael J. Voll, Jr.

This is the 3rd certification as an Accredited Command Executive for Delaware River Port Authority Police Chief Edward W. Cobbs, Jr. He was initially certified as a Command Executive in 2015 while holding the rank of Lieutenant. In 2020, he received certification status after being promoted to Captain. Chief Cobbs is a United States Army veteran. Active-Duty stations included Camp Humphries, Korea with the 751st Military Intelligence Battalion; and later as a Military Police K9 Officer at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. From 1992-1993 he served with the New Jersey National Guard 50th Armored Division-Military Police at Fort Dix. Chief Cobbs received his Associate's Degree from Camden County Community College; his Bachelor's Degree from Rutgers University; and his Master's Degree in Administrative Science from Fairleigh Dickinson University. On December 17, 2021, Chief Cobbs received his Doctorate in Organizational Leadership from Stockton University. He is a graduate of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership Program; and the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, School of Police and Command 277th Session. He has attended training through the Police Executive Institute of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. Chief Cobbs is a Certified Public Manager through Rutgers University and has attended advanced training through the Federal Bureau of Investigation Law Enforcement Executive Development Association. In addition to his law enforcement duties, he currently serves as an Adjunct Faculty Member at Rowan College-Burlington County and Wilmington University-Delaware

Somerdale Police Chief James J. Walsh started his law enforcement career with the Bellmawr Police Department in 1983. Over the course of the next four (4) years) he would serve as a Reserve Officer, Special Officer Class II, and Dispatcher. In 1987, he was hired by the Somerdale Police Department. He attended the Camden County Police Academy and upon graduation was assigned to the Patrol Division. In 1989, Chief Walsh was assigned to the Detective Bureau. In 1991, he was promoted to Sergeant. Chief Walsh was promoted to Detective Lieutenant in 1993. In 2004, Chief Walsh had a five-month assignment with the Homeland Security/Counter Terrorism Task Force while attached to an F.B.I. Field Office. In 2006, he was promoted to Deputy Chief. On October 1st of 2020, he was promoted to Chief of Police. Chief Walsh has certifications in Community Policing, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) instruction, and Emergency Vehicle Operations instruction. He also instructs on the deployment of Oleo-Resin Capsicum (OC) spray and Counter Terrorism. Chief Walsh is a graduate of the F.B.I. Law Enforcement Executive Development Program's 17th Session; the West Point Command and Leadership Program through the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police; the New Jersey Regional Community Policing Institute; and the 194th Session of the F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Chief Walsh received his Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration and his Master's Degree in Administrative Science from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Atlantic Highlands Police Chief Scott Reinert started his law enforcement career as a Special Officer Class II with the Sea Girt Police Department in 2007. In April of 2008, Atlantic Highlands hired Chief Reinert as a full time Dispatcher. In January of 2009, he was hired by Atlantic Highlands as a Police Officer. After graduating the Monmouth County Police Academy, he was assigned to the Patrol Division. In April of 2015, Chief Reinert was promoted to Sergeant. Four years later, he was assigned as Detective Sergeant. In July of 2021 Chief Reinert was promoted to Captain. On March 1st of 2022, he was promoted to Chief of Police. During the course of his career, Chief Reinert has held assignments as the Megan's Law Unit Supervisor, Special Events Coordinator, Budget Coordinator, Internal Affairs Supervisor, Training Coordinator, and Accreditation Manager. Chief Reinert is a graduate of the F.B.I. Leadership Executive Development Program and is a Certified Public Manager through the Rutgers University School of Public Affairs and Administration. Chief Reinert received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Iona College.

Acting Chief of Police Daniel T. Plumacker started his law enforcement career as a Juvenile Corrections Officer at the Jamesburg Juvenile Correctional Facility in 2000. Later that same year, he was hired by the Sayreville Police Department. Following graduation from the police academy, he was assigned to the Patrol Division. In January of 2006, he was assigned to the Traffic Safety Bureau. In November of 2006, Acting Chief Plumacker was promoted to Sergeant. He was reassigned to the Patrol Division. In May of 2009, he was reassigned back to the Investigations Bureau as a Detective Sergeant. In May of 2011, Acting Chief Plumacker was promoted to Lieutenant and reassigned to the Patrol Division. In September of 2012, he was reassigned to the Administration Bureau. In October of 2016, Acting Chief Plumacker was promoted to Captain. In September of 2022, he was made Acting Chief. Acting Chief Plumacker is a graduate of the prestigious Command & Leadership Program through the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. He is a Certified Public Manager through the Rutgers University School of Public Affairs and Administration. Acting Chief Plumacker received his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Caldwell College in 2011. In 2013, he received his Master's Degree in Human Resources Training and Development from Seton Hall University.

Lieutenant Voll was hired by the Delaware River Port Authority Police Department in March of 2000. He attended the Camden County Police Academy. At graduation, he received the Camden County Police Academy Academic Award. His first assignment with the Delaware River Port Authority Police Department was in the Patrol Division. In December of 2004, he was promoted to Corporal. On February 28, 2013, Lieutenant Voll was promoted to Sergeant. On May 28, 2022 he was promoted to Lieutenant. During the course of his career, Lieutenant Voll has held assignments with the Delaware River Port Authority's Drug & Alcohol Awareness Unit, Emergency Response Team and Crime Prevention Unit. Lieutenant Voll has been an Investigator for Serious/Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes. In September of 2015, Lieutenant Voll was the Operation Section Chief for the County Of Camden during the Papal visit. He is a graduate of the New Jersey State

Association of Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership Program and the 17th Session of the Police Executive Institute. Lieutenant Voll received his Bachelor of Arts in Law & Justice studies from Rowan University and his Master of Administrative Science with Professional Certificates in Administrative Science and Emergency Management from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

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.