

# PUBLIC SAFETY INSIDER

*Dedicated. Professional. Always Ready — Atlantic City Public Safety*

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*ACFD assisting community members.*

## WELCOME

Welcome to the February 2026 edition of our newsletter! As winter continues, the Atlantic City Police Department, Fire Department, and Beach Patrol remain as dedicated as ever to serving our community. This month, we're excited to share stories of ongoing commitment, recent improvements, and the teamwork that keeps our city safe and thriving.

February brings a renewed sense of momentum for our public safety teams. As we move further into 2026, our personnel are embracing new challenges, advancing their skills, and strengthening partnerships across departments. Thank you for your continued support and engagement as we work together to make Atlantic City safer and stronger for everyone.

### Safety Tip: Space Heater Safety

Space heaters are convenient but can be dangerous if misused. Keep them three feet from flammable objects, plug directly into outlets, and never leave unattended. Check cords, avoid overloaded circuits, and ensure smoke detectors work. Always turn off heaters when leaving a room or sleeping.



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## Black History Month Spotlight

*A Legacy of Leadership, Courage, & Community in Atlantic City*

This February, we honor the extraordinary contributions of African American leaders whose service shaped public safety in Atlantic City. Their commitment to integrity, community partnership, and courageous leadership continues to inspire our departments today.

### Robert Lamb Jr. (1925–2000)



Captain Robert Lamb Jr.'s career spanned local policing and national leadership, reflecting a lifelong commitment to fairness and community.

After serving as a U.S. Army Sergeant with the 3rd Army during World War II, earning four Battle Stars, he dedicated 20 years to the Atlantic City Police Department. He was named Atlantic City Patrolman of the Year and received the New Jersey State Police Benevolent Association Award for Valor.

Most notably, Captain Lamb founded and led the Police-Community Relations Unit, establishing a formal structure to address allegations of discrimination and to strengthen communication between law enforcement and the community. That work continued nationally during his 31-year career with the U.S. Department of Justice Community Relations Service, where he later served as a regional director and received the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award.

He was also a founding member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), which created the Robert Lamb Jr. Humanitarian Award to recognize efforts to limit the use of deadly force. Lamb was a life member of the NAACP and was posthumously inducted into the Atlantic City Hall of Fame.

**Historical Marker:** Located at the southeast corner of Indiana & Arctic Avenues, the marker commemorates Captain Lamb's lifetime of service, leadership, and pioneering work in police-community relations.

### Willie B. Clayton Jr. (1922–2009)



Dr. Willie B. Clayton Jr. served Atlantic City in multiple capacities, leaving a lasting mark on the structure of public safety in the city.

A World War II U.S. Army veteran, he later served for many years as a sworn Atlantic City police officer. He went on to become the first and only African American elected as Director of Public Safety, overseeing approximately 1,000 employees and a multi-million-dollar department.

During his career, Dr. Clayton helped establish the Atlantic City Bicycle Patrol Unit alongside then-Chief Joseph T. Allmond — a program that remains an important part of the department today. He also served on the city's five-member Board of Commissioners prior to the transition to the mayor-council form of government in 1981.

A founding member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, Dr. Clayton valued both service and education, earning degrees at the associate, bachelor's, and master's levels, as well as a doctorate.

**Street Dedication:** Dr. Willie B. Clayton Jr. Lane, along Marmora Avenue between Kentucky Avenue and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, honors his lifelong commitment to public service and civic leadership.

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### Joseph T. Allmond (1921–2015)



Chief Joseph T. Allmond made history as Atlantic City's first African American Chief of Police, rising through the ranks over a 39-year career.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, he received more than 65 commendations throughout his service. He was formally recognized for "extreme courage and heroism under fire" after rescuing a wounded officer during a gun battle that left seven officers injured.

As Chief, Allmond led the department through periods of change and growth, earning recognition from federal agencies and state officials. In 1979, the New Jersey State General Assembly issued a proclamation honoring his years of dedicated service.

**Historical Marker:** Positioned at the intersection of North Tennessee Avenue and Atlantic Avenue, the marker recognizes Chief Allmond's groundbreaking career and his role as Atlantic City's first African American Police Chief.

*All information on Robert Lamb Jr. was obtained from the Atlantic City Public Library through their Historical Markers collection, which can be found at [acpl.org](http://acpl.org). Photo of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives.*

*All Information on Dr. Willie B. Clayton Jr. was obtained from his obituary in the Press of Atlantic City, available on [Legacy.com](http://Legacy.com). Photo courtesy of the Press of Atlantic City.*

*All information on Joseph T. Allmond was obtained from the Atlantic City Public Library through their Historical Markers collection, which can be found at [acpl.org](http://acpl.org). Photo courtesy of Atlantic City Public Library, Heritage Collections.*

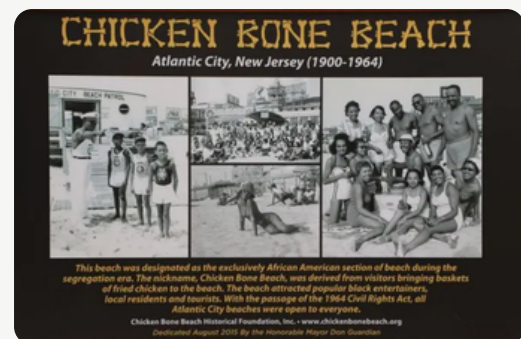
*All Information on William Albouy and Chicken Bone Beach was obtained from the Historical Marker Database, which can be found at [hmdb.org](http://hmdb.org). Photo courtesy of [https://www.chickenbonebeach.org/](http://www.chickenbonebeach.org/).*

### William "Rube" Albouy

Captain William "Rube" Albouy served as a lifeguard from 1925 to 1955 and became the first African American captain of the Missouri Avenue Beach Patrol. From 1947 to 1955, he led a six-member team that assisted thousands of swimmers along Chicken Bone Beach, a historic gathering place for Atlantic City's Black community.

Chicken Bone Beach gained national recognition as a social and cultural hub, where families and visitors came together to enjoy the oceanfront. Prominent entertainers, including Sammy Davis, Jr., Moms Mabley, and performers from Club Harlem, spent time there during its peak years, helping to make the beach a vibrant symbol of community and culture. Designated as a historical landmark on August 6, 1997, Chicken Bone Beach continues to represent family unity and African American heritage in Atlantic City.

Captain Albouy's leadership of the beach patrol placed a Black captain at the forefront of public safety operations during a significant period in the city's history, highlighting both his professional achievements and the broader role of African American leadership in Atlantic City's civic life.



**Historical Marker:** This marker is for Missouri Ave Beach (Chicken Bone Beach). The marker commemorates the beach as a historic gathering place for Atlantic City's African American community and recognizes Captain William "Rube" Albouy's leadership of the Beach Patrol from 1947 to 1955.

Atlantic City Police Department

## Spotlight on Service

On Thursday, January 8, 2026, at approximately 10:05 p.m., Officer Jose Zamorano observed a wanted male on the 1500 Block of Atlantic Avenue. Officer Zamorano immediately called for additional units in order to safely detain the wanted individual. While approaching the suspect, Officer Zamorano noticed a second male walking nearby who appeared to be holding a bulge on his left side, consistent with someone attempting to conceal an object.

Based on his training and experience, and given the high-crime, high-drug-traffic nature of the area, Officer Zamorano believed the individual was concealing a firearm. When Officer Zamorano attempted to stop the male, he fled on foot. Officer Zamorano immediately pursued the suspect while providing clear and detailed radio updates regarding the suspect's description and direction of travel.

With the assistance of responding units, the suspect was safely detained. A subsequent search revealed a handgun equipped with a large-capacity magazine. Officer Zamorano's quick decision-making, calm professionalism, and effective communication led to the removal of a dangerous weapon from the street while ensuring the safety of all involved. His actions are deserving of commendation and reflect outstanding service to the community and this department.



## This Month in Pictures



### Battalion Chief Manuel "Manny" Branco Retirement

The Atlantic City Fire Department celebrated the retirement of Battalion Chief Manuel "Manny" Branco at Station 6, honoring his 27 years of dedicated service and leadership. Branco is pictured with his son, Matt, who is also a ACFD firefighter.



A Message from the Police Chief

## Chief's Corner

I want to take this opportunity to thank the men and women of the Atlantic City Police Department for their hard work and dedication during this past month, when we experienced record-setting consecutive days below freezing. Whether it was assisting the fire department with evacuations during a structure fire, directing traffic in frigid temperatures, responding to the numerous calls for service, or investigating reports of animal cruelty, our officers performed remarkably despite these challenging conditions.

Our agency is also actively preparing for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on the world-famous Atlantic City Boardwalk. The parade has become a must-do St. Patrick's Day tradition in Atlantic City, and we anticipate this year's event will be very well attended.

Additionally, on March 12th, we look forward to graduating 23 new officers from the Atlantic County Police Academy who will soon be joining our ranks. Their addition will further strengthen our department as we head into what promises to be an active spring and summer season.

### Chief James Sarkos

Atlantic City Beach Patrol

## Training & Equipment

### Beach Patrol Expands Rescue Capabilities with New Utility Vehicles

The Atlantic City Beach Patrol has expanded its operational fleet with the addition of several new utility vehicles designed to improve mobility, efficiency, and response capabilities along the city's beaches.

Beach Patrol recently placed **two Kodiak 700 four-wheelers** into service. Both units are equipped with **power steering and four-wheel drive**, allowing for improved handling and control while operating on soft sand and in demanding beach conditions. In addition, the department acquired a **Polaris 570 EFI utility vehicle**, further enhancing the Beach Patrol's ability to support daily operations and emergency responses.

**All of the new vehicles are capable of towing personal watercraft (PWC)**, a critical function for water rescues and rapid response incidents. The vehicles will also be used to transport additional rescue equipment and operational materials, helping ensure that lifeguards and rescue personnel can quickly deploy resources where they are needed most.

These additions strengthen the Beach Patrol's logistical support for water rescue operations, particularly during periods of heavy beach attendance and challenging surf conditions, and reflect ongoing efforts to maintain reliable, purpose-built equipment for both routine and emergency use.

Pictured is **Deputy Chief Dave Russo**, who has served with the Atlantic City Beach Patrol since 1977, operating one of the newly acquired vehicles inside the Beach Patrol facility.



Photos courtesy of Matt Duffy

## This Month in Pictures



### ACPD & AC PAL Black History Month Program | February 17, 2026

ACPD and AC PAL hosted their 8th Annual Black History Month Program at the Art Dorrington Atlantic City Skate Zone, where local youth learned about Art Dorrington and participated in skating activities and a community celebration.

Atlantic City Police Department

## Spotlight on Service

On November 9, 2025, Officers Maria Borsani and Robert McDevitt demonstrated exceptional professionalism during a high-risk incident in the area of Rhode Island Avenue and Atlantic Avenue. The officers were flagged down regarding an escalating road-rage situation and responded professionally, with sound judgment and decisive action.

Through a quick and accurate assessment of the threat, Officers Borsani and McDevitt safely detained the involved individual preventing the situation from escalating further. Their continued investigative efforts led to the discovery of a concealed handgun. The officers determined that the individual was prohibited from possessing a firearm in the State of New Jersey, resulting in the safe removal of the weapon and the filing of appropriate charges.

Officers Borsani and McDevitt demonstrated exemplary situational awareness, strong officer safety practices, and an unwavering commitment to public safety. Their actions reflect great credit upon themselves and the department, and they are deserving of formal recognition for their outstanding work.



Atlantic City Police Department

## Spotlight on Service

On November 8, 2025, officers responded to the area of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Route 30 regarding two men on quads driving dangerously. Dispatch reported that one of the individuals allegedly displayed a firearm to a nearby vehicle.

Officer Syid Evans-White arrived on scene and quickly identified an active fight occurring in the middle of the street between one of the males on the quad and a male in the vehicle. Acting immediately, Officer Evans-White intervened to break up the fight. When the suspect on the quad attempted to flee, Officer Evans-White successfully subdued him despite active resistance and attempts to escape onto the other quad. Additional units arrived and safely took the suspect into custody.

Thanks to Officer Evans-White's decisive action and calm professionalism, the suspect was arrested without injury to the victim, the suspect, or any officers. It was later determined that no firearm had been displayed. Officer Evans-White's quick response and effective handling of a volatile situation exemplify outstanding commitment to public safety.



## This Month in Pictures



### Community Teddy Bear Donation | February 13, 2026

The Atlantic City Police Department distributed 100 donated teddy bears from Orkin to children at the Robinson Learning Center, the Homework Completion Program, and the Atlantic City Police Athletic League, helping bring comfort and smiles to local youth.

## This Month in Pictures



### NCO Officers Visit Richmond Avenue School

NCO Officer Jamar Dabney and SWAT Officer Aaron Jones visited the Richmond Avenue School Public Safety Club, giving students a hands-on experience with the SWAT BearCat, SWAT gear, and a closer look at law enforcement and teamwork in action.

Atlantic City Police Department

## Spotlight on Service

On December 13, 2025, at approximately 10:08 p.m., Officers J. Perez, Sy Le, Singleton McNeil, Matthew Stanwood, Anthony Nastasi, and Riley Flynn responded to a report of an unwanted male at a residence on Winchester. While officers were still on scene, it was determined that the individual had allegedly left behind a firearm inside the residence. The weapon was later identified as a 9mm “ghost gun” with an extended magazine, concealed in a toilet.

Officers immediately initiated a search of the surrounding area and located the suspect, who attempted to flee on foot. Officers Nastasi and Flynn pursued the individual and, following a brief chase, successfully took him into custody.

The officers’ rapid response, effective communication, and coordinated teamwork resulted in the safe apprehension of a dangerous individual and reflect exemplary commitment to community safety and service.



Atlantic City Police Department

## Spotlight on Service

On November 10, 2025, Officer Devin Verdell responded to the Public Safety Building for a female prisoner experiencing a severe mental health crisis and needing immediate transport to Atlantic City Medical Center.

During the incident, the prisoner contaminated herself and left messages indicating an intent to self-harm. Despite these extremely challenging circumstances, Officer Verdell, together with Officer Huan Lee, acted with professionalism, calm, and compassion. Donning protective equipment, including hazmat suits, the officers ensured both their own safety and the prisoner’s, while facilitating a safe and efficient transfer.

Their ability to remain focused, composed, and empathetic under pressure ensured the prisoner received urgent care while providing reassurance in a highly distressing situation. Officers Verdell and Lee’s actions exemplify the department’s core values and highlight the critical role of compassion and professionalism in law enforcement.



## This Month in Pictures



### K9 Patrol Scent Class #16 Graduation | February 14, 2026

ACPD celebrated the graduation of K9 Patrol Scent Class #16 at the Atlantic County Police Training Center. Congratulations on successfully completing patrol, narcotics, and explosive detection training.

- K9 Officer Heriberto Barrios-Gomez & K9 Canela,
- K9 Officer Dylan Imbrenda & K9 Remi,
- K9 Officer Irwin Sanchez & K9 Rio

Atlantic City Police Department

## Training & Equipment

### ACPD Recruits Train in Vehicle Stop Procedures

Atlantic City Police Department recruits recently participated in hands-on training focused on vehicle stop procedures, an essential skill for officers entering the field.

“There are two types of stops: unknown risk and high risk,” explained Academy Instructor Clint Seltzer. “We don’t say routine stops, because there are no routine stops.”

The training was conducted at the facility in Egg Harbor Township and brought together cadets from across Atlantic County, giving recruits the opportunity to train alongside peers from other agencies while learning consistent, real-world policing practices. The exercises emphasized officer safety, situational awareness, and decision-making during encounters that can quickly evolve.

To increase realism, cadets and instructors took turns playing different roles, acting as vehicle occupants across a range of scenarios recruits are likely to encounter on the street. These role-based exercises exposed trainees to varied behaviors and conditions, reinforcing the importance of preparation and adaptability during every stop.

The training is part of the ACPD’s ongoing commitment to preparing recruits for the realities of patrol work before they begin active duty.



Easy tips to keep water flowing safely

## Safety Tip: Prevent Frozen Pipes This Winter

Frozen pipes can burst and cause damage. Pipes most at risk are outdoors, along exterior walls,

### Protect Your Pipes

- Drain and store outdoor hoses; close inside valves and leave outside valves open.
- Insulate exposed pipes with sleeves, heat tape, or newspaper.
- Drain pool and sprinkler lines (avoid antifreeze unless instructed).

### Prevent Freezing

- Keep garage doors closed if pipes are inside.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to let warmer air circulate.
- Let cold water drip from exposed pipes.
- Keep your thermostat at a consistent temperature, and set it to at least 55°F if you’ll be away.

### Thaw Frozen Pipes Safely

- Turn on faucets; if only a trickle flows, the pipe may be frozen
- Apply gentle heat with a hair dryer, heating pad, or hot towels.

### Never use open flames.

- Keep the faucet open while thawing, and call a plumber if you can’t access the pipe.
- Check all faucets—if one pipe freezes, others may too.



Atlantic City Police Department

## Spotlight on Service

On November 14, 2025, officers were assigned to provide crowd control at the Atlantic City High School football game as part of the SWAT detail. During the event, a disturbance erupted among attendees. Captain Donnell Holland received information that one of the individuals involved was reportedly armed with a handgun. At that moment, the area was densely packed with people in every direction, and the suspect was seen moving away from the police through the crowd.

Officer Robert Reynolds managed to get the suspect's attention, enabling Officer Jose Zamorano to safely and effectively bring the individual to the ground. Their coordinated actions were both timely and controlled, precisely matching the demands of the situation. During the apprehension, an open pocketknife fell from the suspect. Given the size of the crowd, it could not be determined whether he had passed off a handgun before being subdued.

Thanks to the officers' swift response, tactical discipline, and clear communication, they were able to take a potentially armed suspect into custody and prevent the situation from escalating further.



Atlantic City Police Department

## Spotlight on Service

On November 26, 2025, at approximately 10:06 pm, Officer Andrew Xiques and his partner, Officer Robert Thompson, were dispatched to Ocean Casino for a reported domestic incident. Ocean security informed Officer Thompson that the female party was downstairs in the lobby, while the male party remained alone in the room. Officer Thompson proceeded to the room to make contact with the male occupant.

When officers knocked on the door, the male immediately became uncooperative, refused to open the door, and made distressing statements. Security also advised that the individual was barricading the door with objects to prevent entry. Officer Thompson promptly requested a Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) officer and EMS for the male's welfare.

Recognizing the urgency of the situation, Officer Xiques began communicating directly with the male through the hotel door. After several minutes of conversation, Officer Xiques successfully persuaded the male to open the door, allowing officers to take him into custody without incident. Officer Xiques demonstrated exceptional courage and composure throughout this tense encounter, successfully de-escalating a potentially dangerous situation and ensuring the subject was taken into custody safely, with no one harmed.



### Families Behind the Badge Children's Foundation | January 15, 2026

Atlantic City Police Department recognized the compassion and support of Families Behind the Badge Children's Foundation, which presented proceeds from the 6th Annual Andy Chan Holiday Block Party to the families of Sergeant Jeff Rivera and Detective Eric Wise, honoring the sacrifice of first responders and their loved ones.

Surveillance & Operations

## A.C.H.I.L.E.S. CENTER



### A.C.H.I.L.E.S. Surveillance Program Expands Workforce to Meet Growing Demand

The Atlantic City Police Department’s A.C.H.I.L.E.S. surveillance program has grown to more than 3,500 data streams, becoming a critical tool in public safety operations across the city. The program played a significant role in the ACPD clearing and solving all shooting incidents that occurred in 2025.

As the system continues to expand, A.C.H.I.L.E.S. is also expanding its workforce to keep pace with increased operational demand. In addition to its existing staff of retired police officers, the program began training civilian personnel in October, marking a new phase in its development.

“These veteran cops are put in a mentorship role,” said Public Safety Director Sean Riggan. “These officers are natural leaders who can provide the guidance and knowledge to the new civilian hires.”

The mentorship model allows civilian employees to gain hands-on experience while benefiting from decades of law enforcement expertise. Director Riggan noted that this structure provides civilians with a level of preparation they would not otherwise receive.

“After they spend a year in the surveillance room, they will be so much more prepared than a kid off the street to pursue a career as a police officer,” Riggan said.

Looking ahead, the program is expected to continue evolving. Civilian personnel are anticipated to participate in the ACPD’s drone program in the future, further expanding the role of technology and trained analysts in supporting public safety operations.



## This Month in Pictures



### Celebrating 48 Years of Community Support

The Atlantic City Police Department recognized Spanky and Son Subs & Deli, a Chelsea Heights staple for 48 years, with a commendation from Chief Sarkos for their ongoing support of ACPD and the ACPD Police Explorers.

Atlantic City Police Department

## Spotlight on Service

On January 9, 2026, units were dispatched to the Resorts Casino Garage in response to a report of a suspicious male attempting to break into vehicles and reportedly in possession of a firearm. Casino security observed the firearm in the suspect’s waistband through surveillance footage and provided a detail description to the units.

While canvassing the area, Officer Jorge Cruz quickly located an individual matching the description on the beach block of North Carolina Ave. While attempting to stop the suspect, he fled northbound. Officer Cruz immediately pursued the individual, who was ultimately detained in the rear of the Wyndham Hotel without the use of force. The suspect discarded the weapon during the pursuit, and it was safely recovered without further incident.

The suspect was arrested and charged accordingly. Officer Cruz’s decisive response, situational awareness, and commitment to public safety reflect outstanding dedication to the community and this department.



Atlantic City Fire Department

## Training & Equipment

### Atlantic City Fire Department and Margate Fire Department Conduct Ice Water Rescue Training

During a recent period of extreme cold weather, the Atlantic City Fire Department partnered with the Margate Fire Department (MFD) to conduct ice water rescue training designed to prepare firefighters for rare but high-risk winter emergencies.

The joint training took place at a lagoon in Margate, where responders encountered approximately six inches of ice covering the water's surface. Firefighters cut an access hole through the ice to replicate conditions that could be encountered during an actual rescue involving a person who has fallen through frozen water.

Once the site was prepared, firefighters donned dry suits and rotated through roles as both victims and rescuers, allowing personnel to practice cold-water entry, victim contact, controlled extrication, and team-based rescue techniques under realistic conditions. The training exercise emphasized safety, communication, and coordination in an environment where conditions can change rapidly and margin for error is minimal.

Ice water rescues are low-frequency but high-consequence incidents that require specialized equipment and training. Joint exercises like this ensure firefighters remain proficient in cold-weather water rescue operations and maintain readiness to respond within Atlantic City or provide mutual aid to neighboring communities when needed.

The Atlantic City Fire Department thanks the Margate Fire Department and Margate Fire Chief Daniel Adams for hosting the training and for their continued partnership and cooperation.



Photos courtesy of Matt Duffy

## Advancing Your Career in Criminal Justice

*Building Knowledge, Strengthening Leadership, Enhancing Community Safety*



Continuing your education is one of the most effective ways to strengthen your skills, broaden your perspective, and prepare for leadership opportunities in public safety. This month, we're highlighting two universities offering Master's programs in Criminal Justice that can help first responders, law enforcement professionals, and public safety leaders take their careers to the next level.

### **Stockton University** | Galloway, NJ Master of Arts in Criminal Justice

Stockton University's MACJ Program offers a Master's in Criminal Justice designed for *professionals seeking advanced roles or further graduate study*. The program provides tracks in *Forensic Psychology* and *Justice Studies*, and emphasizes understanding the criminal justice system, evaluating policies, and developing the skills needed for leadership positions.

#### **Program Highlights:**

- *Flexible Learning:* Evening courses accommodate full-time professionals; both full- and part-time enrollment available.
- *Hands-On Experience:* Optional internships offer real-world exposure to probation, corrections, investigations, victim services, and more.
- *Specialized Tracks:* Choose from Forensic Psychology or Justice Studies to focus on areas of interest.
- *Tuition Discount:* Active criminal justice personnel qualify for a 20% tuition discount.

**Course Structure:** 12 courses (36 credits) including 8 core courses in, *Crime Data & Analysis, Criminological Theory, Corrections, Victimology, Law Enforcement and Policing, Graduate Research & Evaluation, Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Capstone, and Judicial Process*, plus 4 courses tailored to the chosen track. Completion is typically 24 months.

**Admissions Overview:** Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree with a *minimum GPA of 3.0* and have completed prerequisite criminal justice coursework. Required materials include an online application with \$50 fee, graduate application essay, three letters of recommendation, resume, and official transcripts. GRE or MAT scores are required if cumulative GPA is below 3.5

#### **Questions or More information:**

- **Enrollment:** The Office of Admissions, 609-626-3640  
Email: [gradschool@stockton.edu](mailto:gradschool@stockton.edu)
- **Curriculum:** Dr. Christine Tartaro, Program Chair |  
Email: [Christine.Tartaro@Stockton.edu](mailto:Christine.Tartaro@Stockton.edu)

### **Rutgers University** | Newark, NJ Executive Master's in Criminal Justice

Rutgers University Newark School of Criminal Justice offers an *Executive MA Track* designed for experienced criminal justice professionals. This program equips mid-career and senior practitioners to translate their field expertise into transformational leadership, whether in policing, corrections, policy, or administration.

#### **Program Highlights:**

- *Flexible Learning:* Fully online courses with two in-person workshops per semester.
- *Real-World Focus:* Curriculum bridges field experience with executive-level decision-making.
- *Networking & Expertise:* Learn from leading scholars and practitioners, and engage with peers and industry leaders.
- *Skill & Career Development:* Courses cover leadership, human capital, budgeting, and policy analysis.

**Course Structure:** 10 courses (30 credits) including core courses in *Data Analysis, Research & Evaluation, Justice Law & Policy*, track courses in *Leadership, Human Capital, and Budgeting*, plus electives in financial crime, homeland security, and community engagement. Completion in ~20 months with part-time summer enrollment.

**Admissions Overview:** Applicants should have *3+ years of professional experience in criminal justice* and an *undergraduate GPA of 3.0+*. Required materials: transcript, two letters of recommendation, resume, essay on a criminal justice issue, and a personal statement.

#### **Questions or More Information:**

- **Enrollment:** Jimmy Camacho, Assistant Dean of Graduate Programs | Email: [jimmyca@scj.rutgers.edu](mailto:jimmyca@scj.rutgers.edu)
- **Curriculum:** Dr. Nusret Sahin, Director of Executive Master's Program | Email: [nsahin@scj.rutgers.edu](mailto:nsahin@scj.rutgers.edu)

Atlantic City Police Department

## Spotlight on Service

On January 5th, 2026, Officers Scott Crawford & Garcia conducted a motor vehicle stop on Indiana Ave for expired registration. The vehicle was occupied by a female driver and a male passenger, both of whom provided conflicting accounts for their relationship and travel plans. As a result, Officer Andrian Nunez-Santor and his partner Narco performed an open-air sniff of the vehicle.

During this, the driver exited the vehicle while the passenger stayed in the passenger seat. After Narco gave a positive alert, the male was ordered to step out of the vehicle. He initially opened the door but suddenly climbed into the driver's seat. Officer Garcia immediately entered the vehicle and attempted to prevent the suspect from fleeing. The male then sped off while Officer Garcia was still inside the vehicle. The vehicle subsequently crashed into a fire hydrant and a tree. The suspect exited the vehicle and attempted to flee on foot, but was quickly apprehended by Officer Garcia with assistance from Officer Nunez-Santos.

As a result of the officers' proactive actions and thorough investigation, an illegal firearm and narcotics were recovered from the suspect.



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**ACFD & ACPD Promotional Ceremony**

February 27, 2026 | 1:00PM

ACFD and ACPD recognize and celebrate members being promoted for their dedication, leadership, and commitment to public safety. The ceremony honors the hard work and service of those advancing in rank and continuing to serve our community with excellence.

**Saint Patrick's Day Parade**

March 7, 2026 | 1:00PM

Celebrate Irish heritage and community spirit at the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on the boardwalk! Enjoy festive floats, marching bands, and local organizations bringing music, color, and tradition to the streets.

**ACPD Academy Graduation**

March 12, 2026

The Atlantic City Police Department will celebrate the graduation of its newest academy class, recognizing the hard work and dedication of recruits as they complete their training and prepare to serve the community.

**Battle at the Lions Den | Wrestling Tournament**

March 15, 2026

Come out and support the AC Lions as they take the mat at the Battle at the Lions Den. Bring your energy and cheer on the athletes as they compete for championship honors.

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