

TOMS RIVER POLICE RECRUITMENT PLAN

GOALS and OBJECTIVES:

The goal of the Toms River Police Department Recruitment Plan is to attract qualified individuals to pursue a career with the Toms River Police Department. The objective is to achieve an overall racial and gender composition of the department in comparison to the service population of the Township through the department's recruiting activities. This agency will make a good faith effort to meet specific goals for recruiting a diverse workforce, in terms of people of color and gender diversity. The goals and objectives will be accomplished through various recruitment activities listed in the Recruitment Activities section of this plan.

GENERAL:

The Toms River Police Department is subject to the provisions of New Jersey Statutes Annotated 40A:14-118, et seq. and municipal ordinance in all facets of the recruitment and selection process. The Toms River Police Department recruits from a candidate pool open to all residents of New Jersey.

Toms River is an equal opportunity employer in all facets of the personnel process.

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CURRENT DEMOGRAPHICS:

The demographics composition of the service area and agency are represented in the following table:

TOMS RIVER						
Data is based on the 2023 Census Count	POPULATION		CURRENT SWORN OFFICERS TOTAL		CURRENT SWORN OFFICERS FEMALE	
RACE / ETHNICITY	#	%	#	%	#	%
WHITE	79,471	76%	134	93.7%	4	2.8%
BLACK or AFRICAN AMERICAN	4,855	4%	2	1.4%	0	0%
HISPANIC - ANY RACE	11,494	11%	5	3.5%	0	0%
AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE	99	<1%	0	0%	0	0%
ASIAN	3,666	3%	0	0%	0	0%
NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER	0	<1%	0	0%	0	0%
SOME OTHER RACE ALONE	0	<1%	2	1.4%	0	0%
POPULATION OF TWO OR MORE RACES	7,333	7%	0	0%	1	0.7%
TOTAL	99,091	100%	143	100%	5	3.5%

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PLAN OF ACTION TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVE(S):

Activity # 1: Identify and maintain contact with local minority organizations and social support groups including, but not limited to educational, religious, ethnic, racial, and gender-based organizations.

Activities include, but are not limited to:

- Provide recruitment brochures and materials to educational, religious, ethnic, racial, and gender-based organizations.
- Attend career fairs in the Ocean County School District.
- Draft, print, and distribute informational brochures that may attract qualified candidates to the agency.
- Make maximum use of the Toms River website to attract qualified candidates to the agency.
- The following information should prove useful when participating in recruitment activities:
 - Recruitment/informational brochures
 - Agency organizational chart
 - Current contractual agreements
 - Training catalogs
 - Demographic data
 - General Employment Applications

Activity #2: When applicable contact police academies and post selection process announcements for current Alternate Route candidates and SLEO II candidates.

Activity#3: Advertise the Toms River Police selection process in local media markets, and social media, for candidates meeting the department eligibility requirements.

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ANNUAL REVIEW, EVALUATION AND REPORTING

- The Chief of Police, or designee, shall conduct an annual review of the Recruitment Plan and shall include, but not limited to, performing an annual agency demographic review, determining whether any substantial disparities have been reduced, and if need be, revising the Recruitment Plan accordingly if the goals and objectives are not met.
- N.J.S.A. 52:17B-4.10 et seq requires that each law enforcement agency must report certain law enforcement applicant data annually by January 31st for the preceding year. The data required to be reported is listed in the New Jersey Attorney General Guideline “Promoting Diversity in Law Enforcement Recruiting and Hiring” in Paragraph III.

<https://www.nj.gov/oag/dcj/agguide/directives/ag-Guidelines-Diversity-in-LE-Recruiting-and-Hiring.pdf>

- The reporting form can be found at:

<https://www.nj.gov/oag/dcj/agguide/directives/Appendix-A.xlsx>