

Mansfield Township Police Department

PRESS Information

CRIMINAL NEWS

What: Assumption of responsibility for investigation of all Criminal Events

When: Friday June 15, 2007, 12:01 a.m.

Where: Mansfield Township

Who: See Below

How & Why:

The Mansfield Township Police Department has been a full-time, full-service police agency protecting the citizens of Mansfield Township on a 24 hour per day, 7 day per week basis for several years. This service came following many years of coverage by the New Jersey State Police. Through agreements with the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office, even after the Mansfield Township Police Department assumed full time coverage of the Township, the State Police continued to conduct investigations of serious/fatal motor vehicle accidents and serious crimes. On October 15, 2006, the Mansfield Township Police Department began the final stages of coming out from under the State Police umbrella by assuming the responsibility for the investigation of all motor vehicle crashes which occur in the township, with the exception of Interstate 295 and the New Jersey Turnpike. On June 15, 2007 at 0001 hours, this emancipation was completed, as the Police Department assumed the responsibility for all criminal investigations within the Township, again, with the exception of Interstate 295 and the New Jersey Turnpike.

Several meetings were held between the Police Department, the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office, and the New Jersey State Police to effect these changes. Key to making this happen, at the County Level, was retired Chief of Detectives, Michael King, and the new Chief of Detectives, John Angermeier.

In order to achieve this goal, last fall the Police Department established an Investigations Bureau, and its first full-time detective position. Since that time, Detective Brian Gerber has been working on many of the cases which have happened in the Township, as well as attending advanced training to hone his investigative skills.

Director of Public Safety, Richard Bendel stated, "We are truly now a full-time, full-service police department. The officers have been looking forward to taking on this challenge and are ready to further serve the community in this new capacity."