



## THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER

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**MATTHEW C. MOENCH**  
Mayor

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Dear Bridgewater residents,

The Township Administration is aware of a video circulating on social media involving some young people and officers of the Bridgewater Police Department.

The rules governing the use of force by police officers in New Jersey are codified by the Office of the Attorney General. In order to absolutely ensure that these policies and regulations were upheld in this instance, Chief Payne has requested that the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office conduct an independent review of the incident, with the unqualified support of the BPD.

It is not appropriate for me or any other Township official to comment any further on the details of this incident while an investigation is ongoing, except to say that I am completely confident that the Prosecutor's review will be impartial, objective and thorough.

I want to thank the public for its patience in refraining from jumping to conclusions while an investigation is pending.

I also want to thank the brave men and women of the Bridgewater Police Department for their continued service, and for keeping our public safe in today's challenging environment.

Mayor Matthew Moench  
Bridgewater Township