

MISSION

BridgewaterSHIELD is a joint endeavor of the Bridgewater Police Department and the Bridgewater Township Municipal Government.

It is an umbrella program designed to **facilitate, support and highlight the delivery of exemplary Community Policing initiatives** in our Bridgewater community.

COMMUNITY POLICING

According to the United States Department of Justice, Community Policing is a **philosophy that promotes organizational strategies that support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder and fear of crime.**

BRIDGEWATER



Security
Honesty
Integrity
Expertise
Loyalty
Discipline

BridgewaterSHIELD: Phase One (Q1 2023)

PHASE ONE

Component #1: Citizen Police Academy

- 10-Week class Thursday nights from 6PM-9PM starting April 6th
- All Bridgewater residents **aged 21+** may apply for entry; capacity is limited
- Class will overview BPD's organization, structure, recruitment and training
- Participants will learn roles & responsibilities of BPD bureaus, including Patrol, Traffic, Investigations, Etc.
- Includes Use of Force Seminar followed by specialized firearm simulation training
- Graduates will be both CPR- and AED-certified
- Limited number of slots per class—apply here through the BPD
- E-mail completed application to: tblath@bridgewaterpd.com, or bring printed copy to BPD station



Component #2: Virtual Use-of-Force Trainer Availability

- Participants will be invited to utilize cutting edge "use of force" virtual training (VR) apparatus
- VR capability allows trainer to actively mold and change scenario depending upon trainee response
- Dynamic and responsive training enhances officer readiness and on-the-scene decision-making
- Participants to undergo VR-simulated training under supervision of senior BPD instructors
- Small-group discussion to follow; entire event will last approximately three hours
- Limited number of slots per evening—reserve here through OCR



Component #3: "Coffee with the Command Staff"

- Get to know the BPD Command Staff over a cup of coffee at your favorite Bridgewater diner or restaurant
- Chief John Mitzak, Captain Kevin Tennant, and Captain Jeff Savare will be available on a rotational basis
- Ask your questions, give your feedback, or just get to know the commanders of the BPD
- Program starts on March 16th—get your details here



"The Bridgewater Police Department is a world-class law enforcement organization.

Chief Mitzak, his command team, and all the officers who serve under them are a credit to Bridgewater and to their profession. We could not be more proud to support them and their work.

I and my Administration are fully committed to BridgewaterSHIELD, and the Community Policing initiatives it represents."

Bridgewater Mayor Matthew Moench

"Every officer in this department is completely devoted to the security of our Bridgewater community, and to the highest standards of professional conduct.

My command team and I believe that Community Policing programs are the right way forward for Bridgewater. We look forward to implementing them in partnership with the Mayor, Council and the rest of the municipal government."

Bridgewater Chief of Police John Mitzak

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