# STAFFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

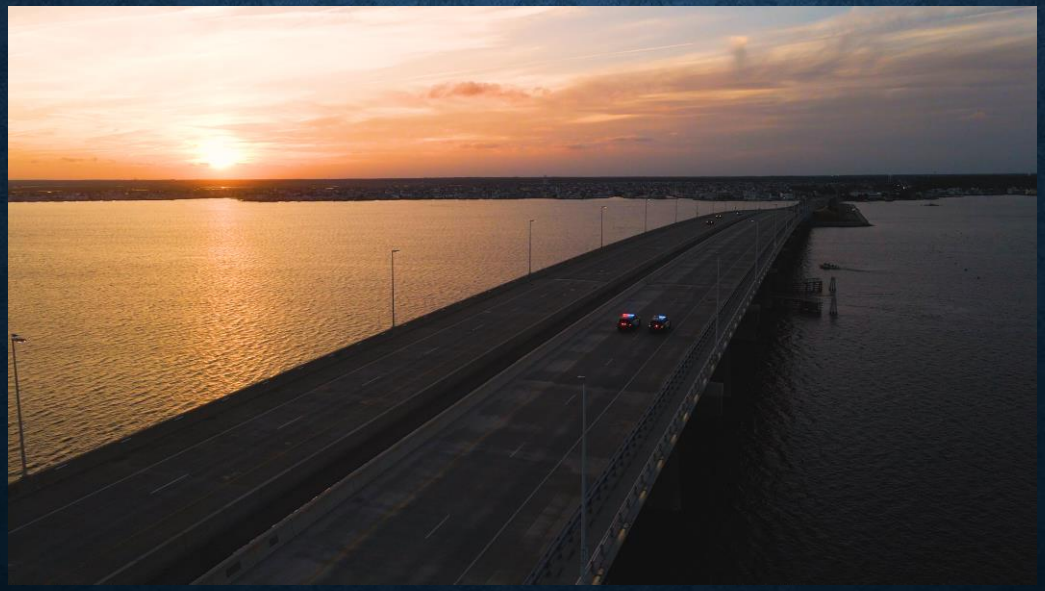
Community Overview 2026

# STAFFORD TOWNSHIP AT A GLANCE

- Founded: March 3, 1750 (Originally named after Staffordshire, England)
- Year-Round Population: 29,375 (2020 Census)
- Total Area: 54.71 square miles
- Land Area: 46.11 sq mi
- Water Area: 8.60 sq mi
- Seasonal Population Estimate: 45,000–50,000 residents

# DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

- Sworn Officers: 61
- Total Department Employees: 111 (Includes civilian personnel telecommunicators, Class 1, 2, and 3 officers)
- Shared Dispatch Services with Barnegat Township

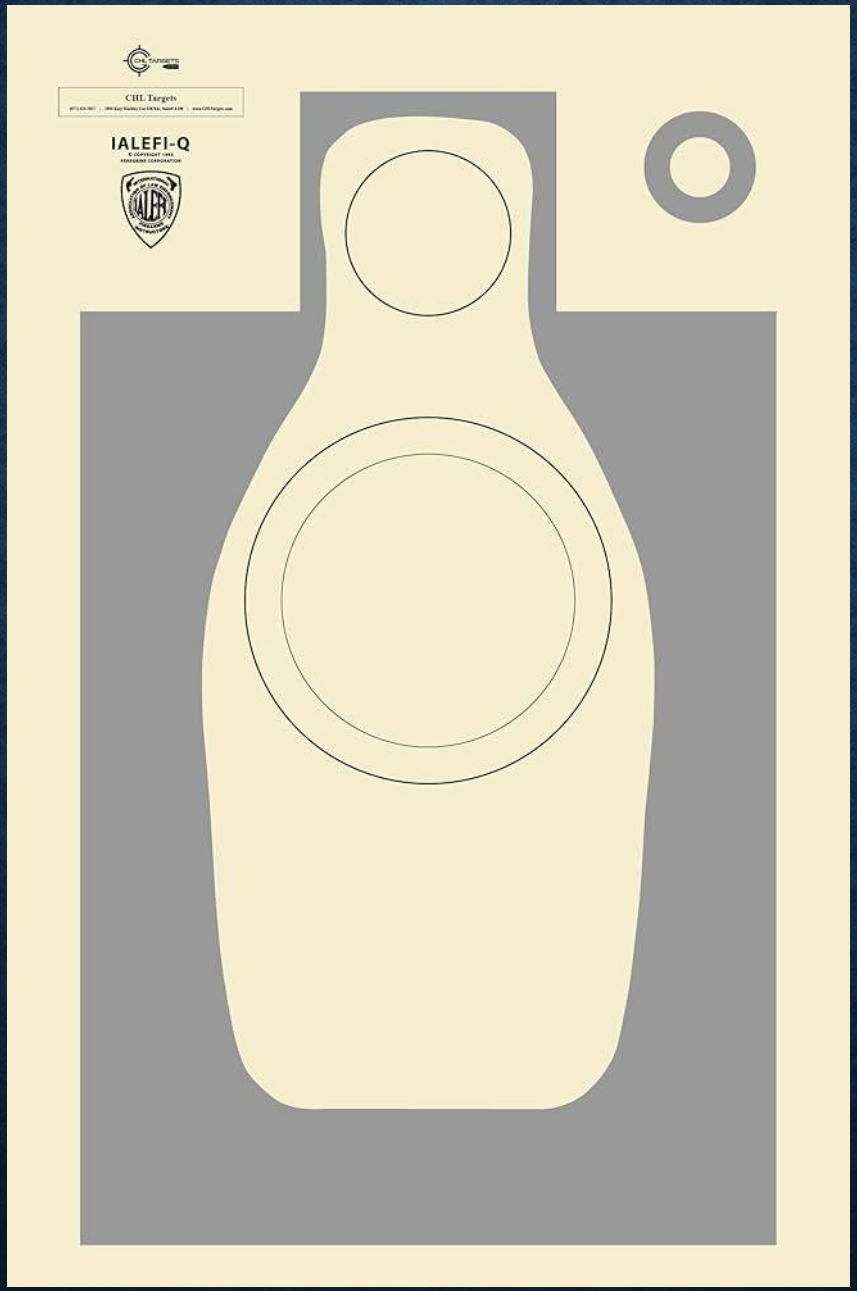


# DEPARTMENT MOTTO & CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

- **Motto:** "Supra Ultraque" – Latin for "Above and Beyond"
- Our department fosters a culture of excellence and high performance
- Officers are held to rigorous standards, including:
  - PT Entrance Exam
  - Annual Physical Fitness Testing
  - Firearms Qualifications
- We consistently participate in local, county, state, and national competitions to challenge and improve our skills. This enables us to continue our duties in overall public safety and officer wellness.

# AWARD-WINNING PERFORMANCE & COMPETITIVE EXCELLENCE

- 25-year reigning champions of the Ocean County Chiefs' Pistol Match
- 5-time winners of the Maryland Law Enforcement/Military Competition
- Consistent champions of the Manchester NJ Law Enforcement Fitness Challenge and Manalapan Fitness Challenge
- 3x Champions of Fair Haven PD "Henne" Challenge
- 2025 Iron Dog Competition winners
- 1st Place in Room Searches – U.S. National Police Canine Narcotics Competition
- 2-time World SWAT Competition Champions
- And the list goes on — we take pride in pushing beyond expectations at every level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# PATROL DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS (2025)

- 35,150 Calls for Service
- 16,302 Motor Vehicle Stops
- 506 Arrests (including 77 DWI Arrests)
- 12,478 Police Reports Generated

# DETECTIVE BUREAU (2024)

- 232 Cases Assigned
- 293 Charges Filed
- Major crimes investigated: burglary, narcotics, fraud, domestic violence, juvenile offenses
- 78 Search Warrants Executed
- 77 Arrests & 317 Charges (narcotics/weapons) by Drug Enforcement Unit

# TRAFFIC BUREAU STATISTICS

| CRASH STATS | |
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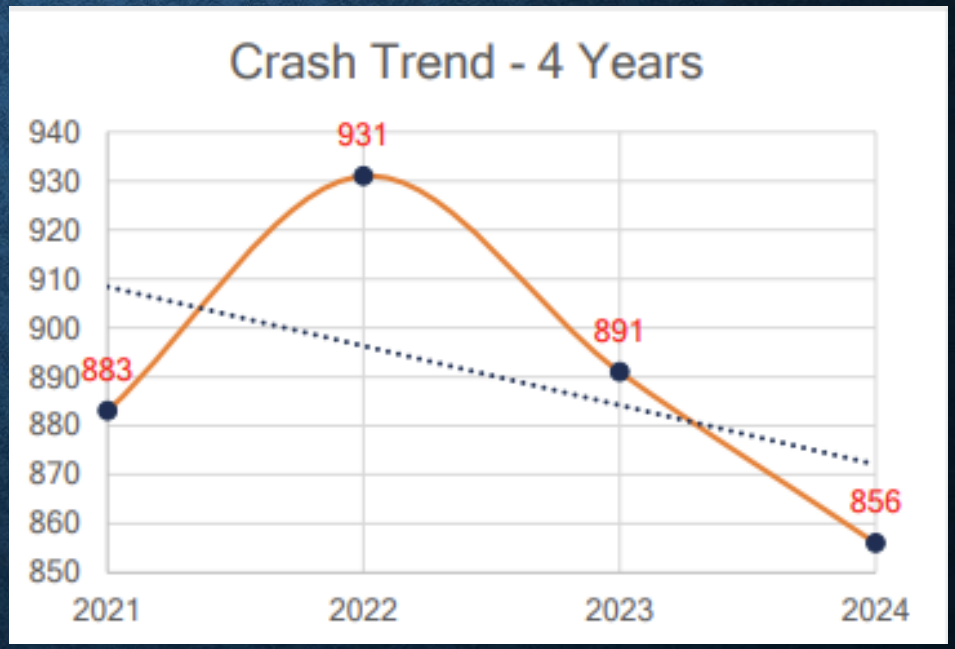
| Total Crash Reports | 856 |
| Hit & Run | 69 |
| Fatal | 3 |
| Injury (All Passengers included) | 181 |
| Pedestrian | 8 |
| Bicyclist | 5 |
| Motorcycles | 5 |
| Property | 59 |
| Animal | 24 |
| Total Vehicles | 1839 |



# SPECIALIZED UNITS (PART 1)

- Detective Bureau
- S.W.A.T.
- K-9 Officer
- Motorcycle Unit
- Marine Unit
- Evidence Technician
- Recruitment Unit
- Honor Guard

# SPECIALIZED UNITS (PART 2)

- Training Unit (Defensive Tactics, Firearms, Physical Fitness)
- ATV Unit
- Drug Enforcement Unit
- Bike Patrol
- Community Policing Unit
- Rapid Deployment Field Force
- Traffic Bureau

# MARINE UNIT OPERATIONS

- Established to enhance waterway safety across Stafford's 8.60 square miles of Barnegat Bay
- Deployed seasonally to support search & rescue, emergency response, and safety patrols
- Operates a 24ft former Coast Guard vessel as its primary response boat
- Officers are trained in Maritime Law Enforcement, several hold Master Captain's Licenses
- Key responsibilities include:
  - Search and rescue
  - Emergency water access
  - Community engagement and education
  - Routine patrol and surveillance of canals and bay
- Provides critical support to NJ State Police Marine Unit and U.S. Coast Guard during high-demand months

# COMMUNITY POLICING & OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS

•Key initiatives include (Over 100 events in 2025):

•**D.A.R.E.**: Drug education for 5th graders, ending with D.A.R.E. Day
•**Youth Police Academy**: One-week intro to policing for 5th graders
•**Hooked on Fishing**: Fishing day for 250+ kids at the lake
•**National Night Out**: Large-scale community celebration
•**Bike Camp**: Summer safety and riding skills
•**Grinch Detail**: Holiday gift delivery with STFD
•**Not Even Once**: Drug awareness class for high school seniors
•**Touch-a-Truck & Trunk-or-Treat**: Family-friendly engagement
•**Charity Softball Game**: Fundraiser with Southern Ocean Medical Center
•**Station Tours**: Welcoming scouts, daycares, and youth groups

# CODE RED NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

- 21,108 Residents Subscribed
- Alerts issued for emergencies, road closures, weather, and more
- Real-time communication with the community
- To Sign Up: Text "Stafford" to 99411

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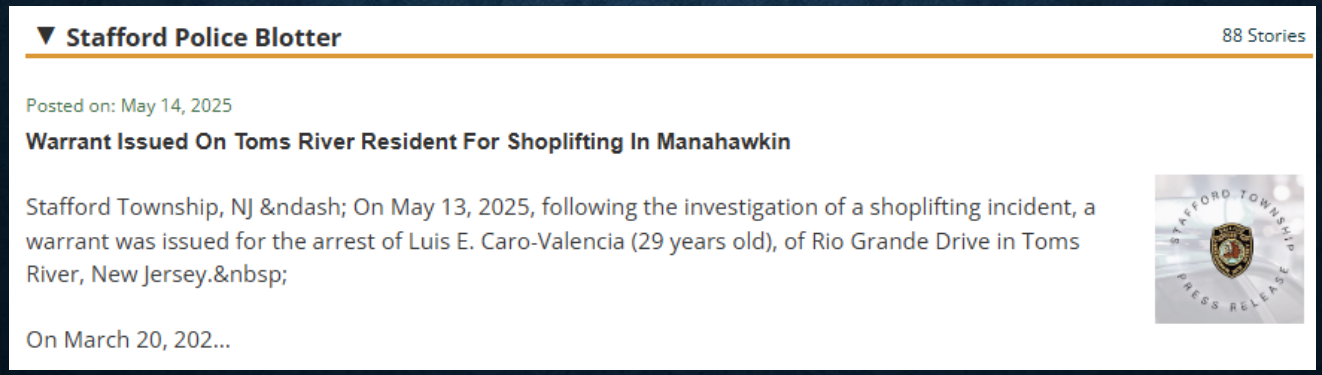
# SOCIAL MEDIA & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Facebook: 32,610 Followers
- Instagram: 12,100 Followers
- 290,700 views in the past 30 days
- Used for public alerts, event promotion, community updates
- Note : Arrests and investigations shared through our Police Blotter

# POLICE BLOTTER

- Weekly blotter highlights:
- Arrests
- Investigations
- Major incidents
- Builds community trust and keeps residents informed
- Visit: https://www.staffordnj.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?CID=6



▼ Stafford Police Blotter

88 Stories

Posted on: May 14, 2025

**Warrant Issued On Toms River Resident For Shoplifting In Manahawkin**

Stafford Township, NJ – On May 13, 2025, following the investigation of a shoplifting incident, a warrant was issued for the arrest of Luis E. Caro-Valencia (29 years old), of Rio Grande Drive in Toms River, New Jersey. 

On March 20, 202...

# MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – ON P.O.I.N.T.

- Phone: 609-597-1189 ext. 8318
- Partnership with Ocean Mental Health Services
- On-site licensed clinician 2 days/week
- Early intervention for mental health, substance use, and social service issues
- Reduces repeated calls and connects residents to needed care
- In 2024, 191 On-point referrals generated

# OCEAN COUNTY VETERANS DIVERSION PROGRAM

- Provides pre- and post-arrest diversion for eligible veterans
- Post-Arrest: Clinical evaluation, peer mentoring, and treatment through Bright Harbor/VA
- Pre-Arrest: Officers can refer veterans directly to treatment
- Goal: Prevent justice involvement and promote recovery

# INTERNET COMMERCE SAFE ZONE

- Located at: 260 East Bay Avenue
- Safe space for online buy/sell exchanges
- Well-lit, monitored by 24/7 video surveillance
- No appointment necessary

# PROJECT MEDICINE DROP

- Located at: 260 East Bay Avenue (STPD Lobby)
- 24/7 drop box for unused or expired medications
- Safe, anonymous disposal
- Accepts pills, tablets, capsules, and patches (no liquids or needles)
- ~1200 pounds collected each year

# OCEAN COUNTY SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY

- Voluntary program for individuals with disabilities
- Improves emergency response and communication
- Register online: www.ochd.org/special-needs-registry
- Call: 732-341-9700 ext. 7535

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# RESIDENT EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

- Helps us contact you quickly during emergencies at your home or business
- Especially useful for seniors, seasonal homes, and businesses
- Make sure your house number is visible!
- Submit online: https://www.staffordnj.gov/FormCenter/POLICE-DEPARTMENT-17/Resident-Emergency-Contact-Information-F-87

# STAFFORD PBA 297 COMMUNITY IMPACT

- The Stafford Township PBA Local 297 is committed to supporting the well-being of our community year-round
- In 2024, the PBA donated **over $50,000** to support local charities, youth programs, and families in need
- Major events included:
  - The Manahopkin Craft Beer & Music Festival at Manahawkin Lake Park
  - The 24th Annual Golf Tournament at LBI National Golf Course
- Contributions included:
  - $18,000 in scholarships to local students
  - $35,000 in community support, events, and direct aid
- The Annual Toy & Coat Drive provided over 200 families with gifts, meals, and clothing during the holidays

# QUESTIONS & CONTACT INFO

- Thank you for supporting your police department
- Questions or feedback? We're here to listen
- Contact: Communitypolicing@staffordpdnj.gov
- Follow us on Facebook & Instagram
- Submit a tip anonymously at: https://www.staffordnj.gov/FormCenter/Police-Department-17/Submit-A-TIP-70