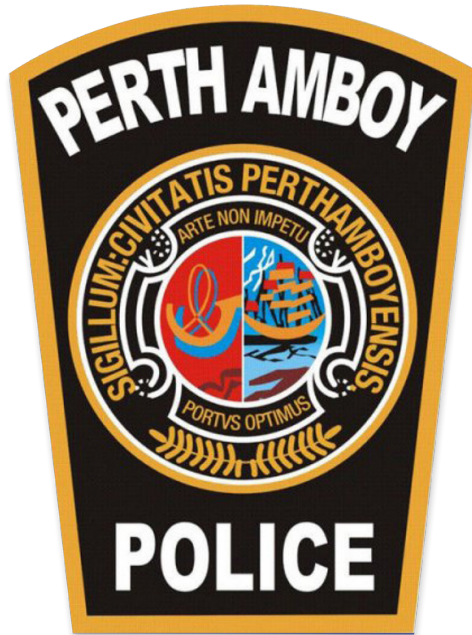




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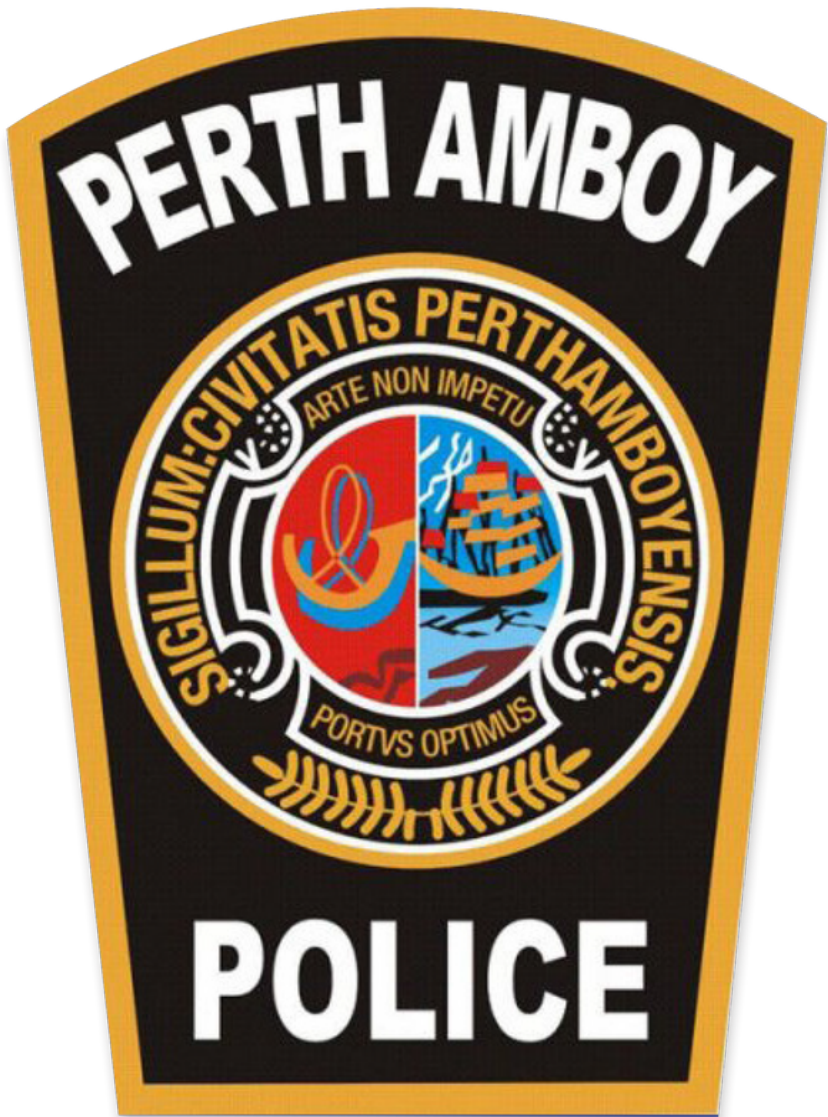
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Chief of Police Larry Cattano

Chief Cattano is a thirty-five-year veteran of the Perth Amboy Police Department.

Chief Cattano served in the Patrol Bureau until he was selected to oversee the city's 9-1-1 Emergency Network, named as the city's 9-1-1 Coordinator. During his tenure, he supervised and established the city's Emergency Centralized Communications Center and designed and implemented a new radio communications network, including complete infrastructure replacement for all City agencies.

- **1993**, Chief Cattano was promoted to the rank of Detective and continued to serve as a supervisor in the communications division
- **1995**, Chief Cattano was additionally assigned the task of creating and administrating the city's first paid emergency medical services division within the Police Department
- **April of 1999**, Chief Cattano was promoted to Sergeant in the Patrol Bureau. Later that year was asked to move to the Fire Department as the City's first paid Chief and Director until 2008
- **November of 2002**, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the Patrol Bureau
- **July of 2013**, was promoted to the rank of Captain overseeing the Operations Division



Chief of Police Larry Cattano

- **December of 2014**, was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief. Over that two-year period, the City saw a 17% reduction in crime, a statistic that has not been archived before or since in the past decade
- **2016 and 2017**, served as the department's accreditation manager. He guided the Department through the exhaustive process, which resulted in the City's Police Department receiving accreditation status with the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police
- **August of 2021**, was named Acting Chief of Police

Over the years, Chief Cattano has received numerous lifesaving and meritorious service awards and accolades on behalf of the City of Perth Amboy, the P.B.A., F.O.P., Middlesex County 200 Club, as well as many outside agencies for life-saving and other heroic actions. Chief Cattano remains dedicated to all aspects of public safety, in addition to his 40 years of service to the citizens of the City of Perth Amboy in various capacities.



Chief of Police Larry Cattano

Chief Cattano possesses numerous certifications and certificates in areas such as :

- Homeland Security
- Domestic Preparedness
- Advanced Level Instructor Qualifications in the National Incident Management System

Chief Cattano is a graduate of:

- The FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association
- Command Institute for Law Enforcement Executives
- Accredited Law Enforcement Executive New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police

Chief Cattano is a member of:

- The Middlesex County Chiefs of Police Association
- The New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police
- The International Association of Chiefs of Police
- The New Jersey State Career Fire Chiefs Association
- The Fraternal Order of Police

Chief Cattano graduated from the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High School Perth Amboy Campus, where he studied electronics. He was born, raised, and continues to reside in Perth Amboy with his wife Denise and son Nikolas.



Captain Eddie Padilla

A 23-YEAR VETERAN WITH THE PERTH AMBOY POLICE DEPARTMENT, LIFELONG RESIDENT, AND A PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE. ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, CAPTAIN PADILLA AND OTHER BRAVE OFFICERS ANSWERED THE CALL FROM NEW YORK CITY TO ASSIST IN THE RESCUE AND RECOVERY EFFORTS. CAPTAIN PADILLA HAS BEEN A PILLAR IN THE COMMUNITY HIS ENTIRE CAREER. BEFORE ADVANCING HIS CAREER, HE WAS VERY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT, WHERE HE ORGANIZED NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETINGS, ORGANIZED COMMUNITY EVENTS, AND DRESSED AS MANY CHARACTERS TO KEEP THE CHILDREN ENGAGED. CAPTAIN PADILLA HAS NEVER WAIVERED FROM BEING A POLICE OFFICER WHILE DEMONSTRATING A LEADERSHIP QUALITY THAT CAN BE MIRRORED.

EDUCATION:

- ALUMNI OF PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL
- NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE ACADEMY IN SEA GIRT, NEW JERSEY

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/COMMENDATIONS:

- PART OF THE MCGRUFF "SAY NO TO DRUGS" CAMPAIGN AND LED THE BICYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM
- CERTIFIED IN SPECIALIZED COURSES AS A PATROLMAN, INVESTIGATOR, AND SUPERVISOR
- RECOGNIZED BY MIDDLESEX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR ASSISTING IN THE RESCUE AND RECOVERY FROM SEPTEMBER 11



Captain Panagiotis Boulieris

In 2003, Captain Boulieris was hired by the City of Perth Amboy as a Police Officer. Upon graduating from the Police Academy, he was assigned to the patrol division. Captain Boulieris has held the position of Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Lieutenant, and Patrol Lieutenant. Before his promotion to Captain, he was assigned to the Patrol Captain's Office as the Administrative Lieutenant. Captain Boulieris is the Field Commander for the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office Rapid Deployment Team.

Education:

- Rutgers University, Bachelor of Science Degree in Administration of Justice (with Criminology Certificate)
- Alumni of Perth Amboy High School

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Recipient of the 200 Club Award for Valor
- Recipient of The Perth Amboy Department's Chief's Leadership Award.

Family: Married to Ana and father to 3 sons, Georgios, Aleksandros, and Athanasios.



Lieutenant Nicholas Millroy

A 20-year-old veteran of the Perth Amboy Police Department. Before joining the Perth Amboy Police Department, he worked at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Education:

- Alumni of East Brunswick High School

Accomplishments/Commendations:

- Appointed as a Police Officer for the City of Perth Amboy and attended the Somerset County Police Academy, 2002
- Promoted to Sergeant, 2014

Family: Married to Anthea with three children, Annelise and Matthew.



Lieutenant Joseph Sassine

After military service, Lt. Sassine was hired by the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department before joining the Perth Amboy Police Department in January 2005. Lt. Sassine was assigned to the patrol division and became the Field Training Officer and Accident investigator.

Education: Middlesex County College in Criminal Justice

Accomplishments/Commendations:

- Promoted to Sergeant, November 2014
- Promoted to Provisional Lieutenant, December 2021
- Valor Award Recipient for actions taken in arresting an armed robbery suspect, 2009
- Valor Award Recipient for actions taken along with other officers in rescuing a driver from a motor vehicle accident moments before the car was engulfed in flames, 2011

Family: Married to Sherry Sassine, and father to daughter, Julia



Lieutenant Marcos A. Valera

Graduated from Perth Amboy High School in 1997 and with the Perth Amboy Police Department in 2003. Lt. Valera is assigned to the Narcotics Unit and has worked in the Detective Bureau and Internal Affairs.

Education: Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish from Kean University

Accomplishments/Commendations: Perth Amboy Valor Award, 200 Club Merit Award, and numerous departmental commendations

Family: Married to Lauren with three children: Samuel, Madelyn, and DJ



Lieutenant Emma Cabrera

Lt. Cabrera was hired as a Perth Amboy Police Officer in July 2005 and graduated from Stamler Police Academy in 2005. Lt Cabrera began her career in the Community Policing Unit and then transferred to the Patrol Division. Lt Cabrera became a field training officer in 2011 and a physical training instructor in 2012. In 2014, Lt. Cabrera worked in the Juvenile Aide bureau before being transferred to narcotics. In 2016, Lt. Cabrera became a LEAD instructor, and in December of 2016 promoted to Patrol Sergeant. Lt Cabrera is the first Latina to lieutenant for the City of Perth Amboy.

Education:

- Yoga for First Responders Instructor, 2019
- Alumni of Berkeley College of Business, 2001
- Alumni of Perth Amboy High School, 1995

Accomplishments/Commendations:

- Certificate of Recognition by the Middlesex County Commissioners for rescue from the Raritan River
- Brother's Keeper Award April 2021, State of NJ Senate
- General Assembly Joint Legislative Resolution for the successful prevention of a suicide attempt at Victory bridge, January 2022
- Supervisor of the Year 2022

Family: Sons, Jashwa and Isaiah



Sergeant Jessica DeJesus

Sgt. DeJesus worked in the Patrol unit from 2005 through 2007. In 2007, she was hired by the South Plainfield Police Department. In 2008, Sgt. DeJesus was employed by the United States Secret Service for two years. Sgt. DeJesus rejoined Perth Amboy Police Department in the Detective Bureau from 2008 to 2017. During her tenure as a detective, she focused on areas of Narcotics, General Crimes, and Internal Affairs.

Education:

- Currently achieving Master's in Criminal Justice, The College of New Jersey
- Bachelors in Criminal Justice, Rutgers University

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Assigned as sergeant to the community policing unit, December 2021
- Chief's Award
- Firearms Instructor and Taser Instructor

Family: Married to Elvin Rodriguez with children Camila, and Alexander Rodriguez



Sergeant Michael Bucior

Sgt. Bucior is a 14-year veteran of the Perth Amboy Police Department since July 21, 2008. He was assigned to the Patrol Division. In March 2018, Sgt. Bucior was assigned to the Detective Bureau Investigative Division before becoming a sergeant.

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Recipient Of the Detective of the Year Award, 2020
- Mentored new officers as a Field Training Officer, 2015
- Recipient of the Meritorious Service Award, 2013
- Recipient 200 Club of Middlesex County
- Recipient of the Meritorious Service Award-200 Club of Middlesex County, 2013

Family: Married to dispatcher Janet Torres, father to Kylie and Averie Bucior, and brother to Sgt. Brandon Bucior



Sergeant Luis A. Corro

Early Beginnings: Born and raised in Newark, NJ

Education: Alumni of East Side High School

Military Experience: Served 7 years in the Marine Corps. Reserve and deployed to Iraq in 2006.

Accomplishments & Commendations: :

- Detective of the Year 2019

Family: Married for ten years and father to two children



Sergeant Tyrone Burch II

Born and raised in Perth Amboy, Sgt. Tyrone Burch II became a member of the Perth Amboy Police Department in January 2014.

Education:

- Graduated Motorcycle School, Philadelphia Highway Patrol, November 2021
- Attended Monmouth County Police Academy, May 2014
- Graduated from New Jersey Department of Corrections Academy, March 2013
- Alumni of Gibbs College, Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice, 2008.

Highest Accomplishments/ Commendations:

- Certified Radar Instructor
- Field Training Officer

Family: Married to Charisma and their sons Taylor and Noah.



Sergeant Manuel Lopez

Sgt. Lopez was born in Queens, New York, with a childhood upbringing in New Brunswick, NJ.

Education: Alumni of New Brunswick High School, CITTONE Institute, and Alumni of John H. Stamler Police Academy.

Military Experience: United States Army from 2001 - 2009. United States Military Police, Two tours

Accomplishments/ Commendations:

- Officer of the year 2017
- Assigned to the Detective Bureau from 2017 - 2021
- Promoted to Sergeant in December 2021

Family Life: Married to Viviana Lopez and father to daughter Sofia Lopez



**Police Officer
Daisy Arocho**

PO Arocho was born and raised in Perth Amboy. PO Arocho started sports at a young age and continued playing sports throughout high school. PO Arocho attended the Perth Amboy Youth Academy, which served as the motivating decision to volunteer for the Perth Amboy Auxiliary part-time.

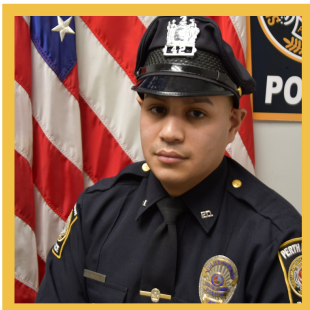
Education:

- Alumni of Middlesex County Vocational High School, Perth Amboy Campus

Accomplishments/Commendations:

- Recipient of an award for Outstanding Police Work, alongside Officer Vargas, for taking quick actions on the Victory Bridge on November 6th, 2021, off duty
- The first female in her family to become a police officer

Family: Parents Susan and Jorge Arocho, Perth Amboy Police Officer, and Brother Brian Arocho, Correction Officer in Northern State Prison



**Police Officer
Gilberto Luis Arocho**

PO Arocho was born in 1991 and raised in the City of Perth Amboy.

Education: Perth Amboy High School Alumni, Class of 2009. New Jersey City University alums with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, 2014

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Graduated Magna Cum Laude and top GPA from New Jersey City University
- Received Meritorious Service Award from the 200 Club of Middlesex County in 2018

Family: Married to Pamela Cruz and father to Sebastian Santiago, Elias, and Matias Arocho. Parents, Gilberto Arocho and Moncerrath Garces, and Brother, Michael Arocho, a Perth Amboy Firefighter.



**Police Officer
Juan Chavarry**

PO Chavarry served as an Auxiliary Officer for the City of Perth Amboy from 2018-2021.

Education:

- Associates degree in Criminal Justice, Middlesex College
- Alumni from John F. Kennedy High School

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Graduated from Cape May Police Academy

Family: Kayln Calero, girlfriend, parents are Juan M. Chavarry and Cynthia Cordero, and siblings Manuel and Kathy Chavarry



**Police Officer
Ismael F. Capellan Cruz**

Officer Cruz was born in the Dominican Republic in 1990 and became the first in his family to become a law enforcement officer.

Education:

- Associates degree in Business, Middlesex College

Military Experience:

- US Army Reserve, 2015-Present
- 88M Motor Transport Operator

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Army Achievement Medal

Family: Married to Naomi Capellan Barinotto and father to one child



**Police Officer
Gregory M. Cruz**

PO Cruz was raised in Perth Amboy, where he attended Perth Amboy Catholic from Pre-K to 8th grade. PO Cruz was inspired by his uncle William Lopez to become a Police Officer at an early age serving as an intern at the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office in College from 2018-2020.

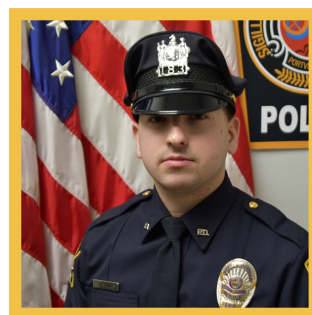
Education:

- Degree in Criminal Justice and Human Resource Management, at Rutgers University, *Anticipated graduation, 2023*
- Alumni of St. Joseph HS, 2016
- Alumni of Middlesex College, 2019 with two associate degrees in Criminal Justice and Physical Education

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Auxiliary Police Sergeant in 2020
- Graduated Middlesex College on Deans List

Family: mother, Theresa Lopez, and uncle, Police Officer, William Lopez



**Police Officer
Kyle L. Savoia**

PO Savoia was an all-around athlete and lettered in numerous sports.

Education:

- Alumni Of Middlesex College
- Alumni of Woodbridge High School, 20

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Received the 200 Club Meritorious Award for risking his safety to save the life of another, 2019

Family: His late father, Kevin Savoia, was a retired Sergeant for the Perth Amboy Police Department. His mother is Donna, his brother Kevin is a detective for the Perth Amboy Police Department, and his sister is Kelsey Savoia.



**Police Officer
Julius A. Madden**

PO Madden was born in the Bronx, New York, and raised in the City of Perth Amboy.

Education:

- Monmouth University, 2019 Bachelor's in Homeland Security
- Perth Amboy High School Alumni, 2014

Military Experience: Sergeant in the Army National Guard, Military Police Officer Veteran

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Received multiple awards overseas, graduated top of their police academy class, and received the Highest Physical fitness award in their Police academy class
- Graduated top of their class in basic training in 2013

Family: Parents are Julia and Dimas Figueroa, sisters Emily Figueroa-Rios, and Dianna Franco, and brother, Justin Madden



**Police Officer
Bobby A. Minaya**

Officer Minaya was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and raised in Perth Amboy.

Education: Currently attending for a Bachelor's Degree in Health & Physical Education Teacher Certification, Associate's degree in Political Science, and 2008 Alumni from Perth Amboy High School

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- In 2022, received acknowledgment alongside Officer Savoia, for recovering a stolen vehicle and preventing a potential theft of a catalytic converter.
- Graduated from Cape May Police Academy, 2017

Family: Married to Jesmarie Minaya, 9 month old son Leonardo Jessy Minaya, brothers Luis and Samuel Torres, sisters Kalie and Kimberly Minaya



**Police Officer
Kevin J. Morillo-Collado**

PO Morillo- Collado was born in Puerto Rico and raised in the City of Perth Amboy.

Education: Perth Amboy High School, Alumni

Military Experience: Sergeant United States Marine Corps.

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Navy Achievement Medal
- Marine Corps Martial Arts Program - Black Belt

Family: Father to a 5-year-old daughter. Both parents work for the City of Perth Amboy, and the brother is currently a Perth Amboy Police Officer.



**Police Officer
Patricio A. Nova-Diaz**

PO Nova-Diaz in San Cristobal, Dominican Republic, on October 2, 1991, and immigrated to the United States at the age of 12. From an early age, PO Diaz wanted to become a police officer to protect lives, make the community safer, and help others make better life choices.

Education: Perth Amboy High School Alumni, 2011

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Law enforcement officer
- Auxiliary Police Officer in 2016 for two years

Family: Married and father to two daughters



**Police Officer
Claribel Peralta**

PO Peralta was born and raised in the City of Perth Amboy.

Education:

- Perth Amboy High School Alumni, 2015
- Middlesex County College Alumni, Associates in Criminal Justice
- New Jersey City University, Bachelors in National Security

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Dean's list for exceptional Academic Achievement
- Worked with Perth Amboy Youth
- Worked at a youth center

Family: brother to three sisters, and parents



**Police Officer
Adrian Reynoso**

Po Reynoso was raised in the City of Perth Amboy.

Education:

- Perth Amboy High School Alumni, 2009
- Berkeley College Alumni, 2015, Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Cape May County Police Academy, January 2022
- Special Law Enforcement Officer, June 2019
- Camden County Police Academy as a Special Law Enforcement Officer 1, June 2019
- Auxiliary Police Officer in 2017
- Volunteered over 1,000 hours with PAPD as an Auxiliary Officer

Family: Married to Sofia Sanchez and two sons, Adrian Jr. and Austin Reynoso



**Police Officer
Bryan J. Rodriguez**

PO Rodriguez was born in Peru and raised in the City of Perth Amboy since age 6.

Education:

- Perth Amboy High School Alumni
- Rutgers University-New Brunswick Alumni
- Middlesex College Alumni

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Auxiliary Police
- Class 1 Police Officer

Family: Siblings Ashley, Rihanna, and Gino Jr. and his father, Gino Rodriguez



**Police Officer
Jayson Sanchez**

PO Sanchez was an auxiliary police officer from 2018-2021 and a Special class 1 Police Officer from June 2021 to December 2021.

Education:

- Perth Amboy High School Alumni

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Seal of Bi- Literacy Award, Spanish

Family: Oldest of two younger sisters, Joselin and Itzel Sanchez, Parents Enriqueta and Adalberto Sanchez



**Police Officer
Victor D. Torres**

PO Torres was born and raised in the City of Perth Amboy by a single mother and grandmother.

Education:

- Attended Perth Amboy public school until Sophomore year of High School
- John F. Kennedy Memorial High School Alumni, 2016
- Attended 2 semesters of Middlesex County College
- Attended Military School

Military Experience: Infantryman in the Army National Guard Reserve and an Army Veteran

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Becoming a Police Officer
- Greater Middlesex County All White Division Wrestler 2015-2016
- Army Achievement Medal
- Overseas Ribbon
- National Defense Service Medal

Family: Significant other, Emma Kull, brothers to David, Ralph, and sister Jessica Torres, and uncle to three nieces and two nephews



**Police Officer
Pablo C. Vargas**

PO Vargas was born and raised in the City of Perth Amboy.

Education:

- Perth Amboy High School Alumni

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Graduated from Cape May Police Academy, 2022
- Received Notice of Recognition of Quick Action on Victory Bridge while off duty
- Received Notice of Recognition for Outstanding Police Work while in FTO in March 2022

Family: family line in law enforcement



**Police Officer
Matthew Vazquez**

PO Vazquez was hired in 2013, previously assigned to the Anti-Crime Patrol Unit, Field Training Officer, and Special Investigations Unit Detective, and employed as Deputy at Volusia County Sheriff's Office in 2019. PO Vazquez returned to the City of Perth Amboy Police Department in 2020.

Education:

- Perth Amboy High School Alumni, 2009

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Officer of the year, 2016
- Recipient of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award, 2016 & 2017

Family: Engaged to fiancée and expecting father-to-be to twin boys



**Special Officer 1
Isaias Ayala-Soto**

Isaias Ayala-Soto was born in Puerto Rico in 1986 and had been residing in Perth Amboy for over 15 years.

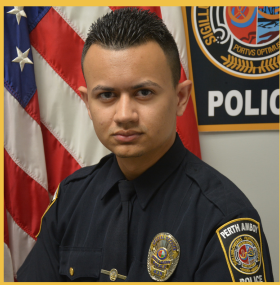
Education:

- Lola Rodrigues de Tio High School Alumni

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Serving the community

Family: Married to Jessica Ines Lugo and father to Pedro, Brittany, and Jineyshka



**Special Officer 1
Brandon Barreto**

Brandon Barreto was raised in the City of Perth Amboy.

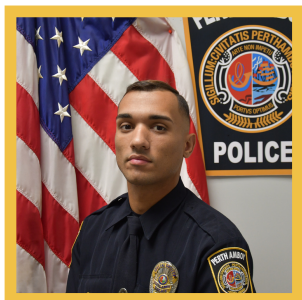
Education:

- Montclair State University Alumni
- Graduated AUL Charter School Alumni, 2020

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Completed one year with the Perth Amboy Auxiliary Department
- Completed two years at Montclair State University

Family: Comes from a family in law enforcement



**Special Officer 1
Daniel O. Franco**

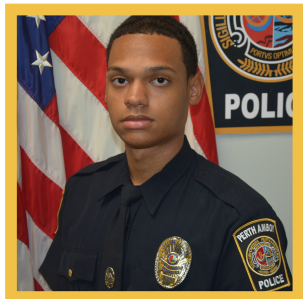
Education:

- Attended Brookdale Community College
- Graduated with High School Diploma

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Auxiliary Officer for the City of Perth Amboy, 2021
- Established a small business, *Franco Landscaping*, 2020

Family: Parents Maria & Juan Franco, and sister Denise Franco



**Special Officer 1
Ramon E. Nunez**

Ramon Nunez was born in the Dominican Republic and raised in the United States since one years old.

Education:

- High School Diploma

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- 82nd Base Course for the Class One Special Law Enforcement Academy

Family: One of three siblings, mother, and is a father to a son.



**Special Officer 1
Xavier R. Rivera**

Xavier Rivera was born and raised in the City of Perth Amboy.

Education:

- Alumni of Kean University, Bachelors in Arts Degree in Criminal Justice
- Alumni of St. Joseph's High School
- Alumni of Cardinal McCarrick High School
- Alumni of Assumption Catholic School

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Rising to the rank of Sergeant, Perth Amboy Auxiliary Police

Family: Parents and a brother



**Special Officer 1
Brandon Rodriguez**

Brandon Rodriguez was raised in the City of Perth Amboy.

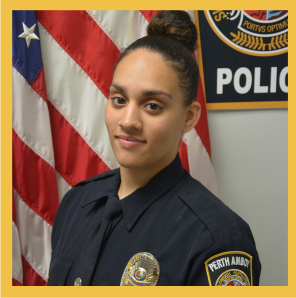
Education:

- High School Diploma

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Promotion as a Special Police Officer
- Middlesex County Auxiliary Police Academy Graduate
- Security Officer

Family: Parents, a sister, and a brother



**Special Officer 1
Maria F. Schrls**

Maria Schrls was raised in the City of Perth Amboy.

Education:

- Perth Amboy High School Alumni, 2017

Military Experience:

- Served in United States Navy, and received an honorable discharge in 2018

Accomplishments & Commendations:

- Joined the Perth Amboy Auxiliary Police and served one year before becoming Special Police Officer

Family: Mother to a daughter