

Family in Law Enforcement Display

The Giordano name has been synonymous with Law Enforcement in Gloucester County since the 1950s, spanning over three generations. In fact, brothers Joseph Sr. and Anthony, along with their brother-in-law, Harry Lombardo (who is married to their sister Anita) started their careers with the Gibbstown and Paulsboro Police Departments. Nearly the same time, their cousin, Frank Giordano, started his Law Enforcement career in Carlisle, PA. Joseph Sr., who is a retired Chief from Greenwich Township, has two sons actively serving in Gloucester County: Joseph Jr. is the current Chief of Police in Greenwich Township, and Raymond is a Lieutenant in Glassboro. Joseph Junior's son, Christopher, served as a police officer in South Harrison Township and is currently a Special Agent in the FBI.

Anthony Giordano worked for the Paulsboro Police Department and eventually retired from the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office as a Detective Sergeant. His son, William, retired as the Chief of Police from East Greenwich Township. Another son, Steven, retired from the New Jersey State Police. His son, Michael, is a Detective for the Forsyth County Georgia Sheriff's Department, and his daughter, Patty, is the Director of the 911 Communication Center in the same county. Michael's son, Michael Jr., is currently a Deputy Chief for Forsyth County as well. Anthony's other grandson depicted in the family photo is Shane Mitchell Jr. He currently serves as a Maryland State Trooper.

Harry Lombardo retired as the Deputy Chief from the Greenwich Township Police Department, and their cousin, Frank Giordano, retired from the Carlisle, PA Police Department as Chief of Police. He is the only one depicted who is now deceased. Another family member, Police Officer Christine Salvatore-Schmidt is assigned to the patrol division for the Evesham Township Police Department. She is currently married to Nick Schmidt who is a police officer with the Washington Township Police Department.

Several years ago, the family had connected with relatives from Sicily and learned that another cousin, Concetta Giordano Trimarchi, had been working for the City of Milan Italy as a police officer. The family also learned that the officer riding the horse depicted in the picture to the right of the display was possibly the Great Grandfather or Great Uncle to Joseph Sr. and Anthony. The picture dates back to the late 1800's or early 1900's, however this information has not yet been corroborated and more research is needed to confirm who he actually is. If found to be a family member who served as an officer or some sort of night watchman, he would be the earliest known family member to serve in Law Enforcement.

It has been said that the Giordano Family has one of the largest group of close relatives in Law Enforcement within the State of New Jersey. Within the group, 4 family members have risen to the rank of Chief, 2 to Deputy Chief, 1 to Lieutenant, 2 to Sergeant, 1 to Corporal and 1 moved from local law enforcement to become a Special Agent within the FBI. Combined the family has provided their respective communities at the local, county, state, and federal government levels with an estimated **375** years of dedicated service!