



Officer Joseph F. Gachetti **Police Officer of the Year**

Police Officer Joseph F. Gachetti, son of Patrick Gachetti and Vivian Osvai was born 36 years ago and grew up in the Chambersburg section of Trenton, NJ where he worked and attended school. He graduated from McCorristin High School in 1991 with the goal of becoming a Trenton Police Officer, serving the community he grew up in. Ernest Osvai, his stepfather and retired Trenton Police Sergeant inspired Joseph Gachetti to become a police officer.

In March of 1994, Joseph Gachetti was hired as a Trenton Police Officer and graduated from the Police Academy in the 78th class. Now a fourteen-year veteran, he has served in the Patrol Bureau as a field officer assigned to patrol, crime suppression units, special robbery task forces, and has been a field-training officer for several newly appointed officers. From 1998 to 2004, he was also assigned to the Pro-Active Unit and Tactical Anti Crime Unit assigned as a detective specializing in narcotic and firearms seizures. During his assignment in these units, he was also a member of the Special Tactics and Response Unit.

Officer Joseph Gachetti has been a recipient of seven departmental commendations. He also received an award for service in New York City subsequent to the attacks on our nation on September 11, 2001. He is especially honored being the Officer of the Year because the award was selected by his peers who he strives to assist on a daily basis.

Officer Joseph Gachetti resides in Hamilton Township, New Jersey with his fiancée, Maryelyn and his two sons Joseph II and Anthony. They enjoy spending time with friends and family, traveling and spending time fishing at the Jersey Shore.

Regrettably, in January of 2007 while on duty, Officer Joseph Gachetti suffered a devastating injury to his shoulder during the course of an investigation. As a result of the injury it will require him to retire. Officer Joseph Gachetti continues to work at the staff desk at main headquarters until his retirement goes in effect. Although saddened about leaving the Trenton Police Department, he is very appreciative of having the opportunity to serve and having the honor and privilege of serving with the finest police officers in our country.