

RIVER EDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT **RECRUITMENT PLAN**

GOALS & OBJECTIVES:

The goal of the River Edge Police Department Recruitment Plan is to attract qualified people to pursue a career with the River Edge Police Department. The objective is to achieve an overall racial and gender composition of sworn law enforcement personnel which compares to the overall racial and gender composition of the population of the Borough of River Edge. To be committed to identifying and mentoring these qualified persons, who have the desire, skillset, and are psychologically fit to become a police officer. This agency will make a good faith effort to meet specific goals for recruiting a diverse workforce, in terms of people of color and gender diversity. The goals and objectives shall be accomplished through the various recruitment activities specified herein.

GENERAL:

The River Edge Police Department shall be subject to all applicable provisions of the **New Jersey Statutes Annotated (NJSA) 40A:14-118, et seq.** and the municipal ordinances of the Borough of River Edge in all facets of the recruitment and the selection process. The Chief of Police shall be responsible for the Recruitment Plan.

The River Edge Borough is an equal opportunity employer in all facets of the personnel process.

CURRENT DEMOGRAPHICS REPORT:

RIVER EDGE						
Data is based on the 2020 Census Count	POPULATION		CURRENT SWORN OFFICERS TOTAL		CURRENT SWORN OFFICERS FEMALE	
RACE / ETHNICITY	#	%	#	%	#	%
WHITE	6,649	55%	21	84%	1	4%
BLACK or AFRICAN AMERICAN	283	2%	0	0%	0	0%
HISPANIC - ANY RACE	1,339	11%	2	8%	0	0%
AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE	8	0%	0	0%	0	0%
ASIAN	3,434	29%	1	4%	0	0%
NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
SOME OTHER RACE ALONE	50	0%	0	0%	0	0%
POPULATION OF TWO OR MORE RACES	286	2%	1	4%	1	4%
TOTAL	12,049	100%	25	100%	2	8%

RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES:

Activity #1:

Identify and maintain contact with local minority organizations and social support groups, including, but not limited to, educational, religious, ethnic, racial, and gender-based organizations.

These activities may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Providing recruitment brochures and materials to educational, religious, ethnic, racial, and gender-based organizations.
- Attending career fairs in the local and Bergen County school districts.
- Drafting, printing, and distributing informational brochures, pamphlets, posters and/or other materials which may attract qualified persons to the agency.
- Making maximum use of the Borough of River Edge website to attract qualified candidates to the agency.

Activity #2:

When applicable, contact police training academies and post vacancy announcements for current Alternate Route candidates or waiver-eligible Class II Special Police Officers.

Activity #3:

Advertise on Policeapp.com, *Facebook*, and/or other social media platforms, as well as any other appropriate media market, for persons meeting eligibility requirements.

ANNUAL REVIEW, EVALUATION AND REPORTING

- The Chief of Police, or designee, shall conduct an annual review of the Recruitment Plan and shall include, but not limited to, performing an annual agency demographic review, determining whether any substantial disparities have been reduced, and if need be, revising the Recruitment Plan accordingly if the goals and objectives are not met.
- N.J.S.A. 52:17B-4.10 et seq requires that each law enforcement agency must report certain law enforcement applicant data annually by January 31st for the preceding year. The data required to be reported is listed in the New Jersey Attorney General Guideline “Promoting Diversity in Law Enforcement Recruiting and Hiring” in Paragraph III.

<https://www.nj.gov/oag/dcj/agguide/directives/ag-Guidelines-Diversity-in-LE-Recruiting-and-Hiring.pdf>

- The reporting form can be found at:

<https://www.nj.gov/oag/dcj/agguide/directives/Appendix-A.xlsx>