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2021 NJSACOP ACE Certification Program Update ACE (Accredited Chief/Command Executive) Certification Program Award

The New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police has awarded certification status for **Accredited Command Executive-Chief of Police** to Fort Lee Police Chief Matthew J. Hintze. Certification Status lasts for three years. At the end of that period, Command Executives and Chiefs of Police must show they have maintained the training and leadership standards since their initial award of certification. Achieving Command Executives join a select group, only thirty three percent (33%) of state police chiefs are certified; and only twenty nine percent (29%) of municipalities have certified command executives.

Chief Matthew J. Hintze started his law enforcement career as a Corrections Officer with the Bergen County Sheriff's Office and New Jersey Department of Corrections. He worked as a Corrections Officer from September of 1999 until January of 2002, when he was hired by the Fort Lee Police Department. In January of 2011 Chief Hintze was promoted to Sergeant. As Sergeant he held assignment as the Road Supervisor, Tour Commander, Emergency Services Unit Supervisor and as Detective Sergeant. In July of 2014, he was promoted to Lieutenant. In this capacity he held assignments as a Shift Supervisor, Internal Affairs Investigator, Communications Center Supervisor, Training Bureau Supervisor, and Emergency Services Unit Commanding Officer. In October of 2017, he was promoted to Captain. As Captain he served as the Detective Division Commander. In June of 2019 he was promoted to Chief of Police. Chief Hintze is a Certified Instructor and Police Firearms Instructor through the New Jersey Police Training Commission. Chief Hintze received his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the Pace University Dyson College of Arts and Sciences in 1996. In August of 2017, Chief Hintze received his Certified Public Manager certificate from the Rutgers School of Public Affairs and Administration and the State of New Jersey Civil Service Commission. He is expected to receive his Master of Administrative Science from the Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Public and Global Affairs this June. Chief Hintze is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, the FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, the International Association of Educators and Trainers Association, the International Association of Firearms Instructors, and the National Tactical Officers Association.

The NJSACOP ACE Certification Program directly encourages New Jersey's law enforcement executives to attain sanctioned benchmarks in pursuit of a recommended standard for police leadership that are measurable and attainable. By offering proof of these standards to NJSACOP Assessors, individual police leaders can attain NJSACOP Accredited Chief/Command Executive (ACE) Certification Status.

NJSACOP ACE Chairman, Chief Stephen Beecher stated: "The ACE Certification Program is in keeping with the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics, the 21st Century Report and Recommendations on Policing and the state association's declared philosophy; the Certification Program measures essential proofs in three areas for the ACE and ACE-COP Certification, and in five areas for the ACE-COP Advanced Certification. If it is merited, NJACOP awards individual leadership accredited status based on those appraisals. The ACE Program also promotes and encourages continued education through ACE Re-Certification Program requirements."

It is the policy of the NJSACOP to promote professional competence, continued education and career development among all members of law enforcement and in particularly amongst our leaders. In order to achieve this goal the NJSACOP encourages current, future and retired chiefs and police executives to participate in the ACE Certification Program.

The New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) is a professional membership organization serving New Jersey's law enforcement and private security executives. Our core mission is to promote and enhance the highest ethical and professional standards in law enforcement at all levels throughout New Jersey. For more information visit www.njsacop.org.