



## RAYMOND HILLING

Raymond Hilling graduated from Point Pleasant Borough High School in 1970. After graduation he entered the United States Navy, where he served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Wasp. During his military career he also served at the Naval Station at Norfolk, Virginia and Quonset Point, Rhode Island. After his release he continued his service to our country by enlisting in the Naval Reserves, where he served as a plane captain in a helicopter squadron.

Ray began his distinguished police career as a Special Officer for the Point Pleasant Beach Police Department in 1974. He was appointed to a full-time position with the Bradley Beach Police Department in 1977. In 1979 he became a police officer in his hometown of Point Pleasant Borough.

Throughout his career, Chief Hilling has served on Patrol, supervised the Traffic Safety Bureau, commanded the midnight shift, and in 1995 was selected as the Uniform Bureau Commander. In September of 2000 he was promoted to Captain of the Police Department and was chosen to be Commander of the Administrative Bureau. On March 1, 2004 he was promoted to Chief of Police, the first Point Pleasant Borough High School graduate to hold the rank of Chief. During his illustrious career, he has been the recipient of many awards, including Police Officer of the Year and the Point Pleasant Elks' Award for Exemplary Job Performance and Involvement in the Community.

Chief Hilling graduated from the College of New Jersey with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. He also received a Masters of Administrative Science Degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He is a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command and the prestigious FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Chief Hilling is a graduate of the Law Enforcement Executive Development Program. In 2001 the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police certified him as a Law Enforcement Executive. He is also a certified police-training instructor and has taught at the Ocean County Police Academy.

Chief Hilling became involved with the community as soon as he returned home from the Navy. He was a member of Point Pleasant Fire Company #1 and Point Pleasant First Aid Squad. Chief Hilling is a past president of PBA Local 106.

Chief Hilling is currently the Worshipful Master of Durand Lodge #179 of Free and Accepted Masons and a Chapter Dad for the Point Pleasant Chapter of DeMolay. He is a member of the Point Pleasant Municipal Alliance and the Point Pleasant Elks. He is also a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, where he serves on several committees. He is also on the Executive Board of the Ocean County Association of Chiefs of Police. He is a member of the New Jersey Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates and Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety Alumni Association.

At the current time, Chief Hilling has a "community orientated policing philosophy" that he believes will build strong police-community partnerships. He looks forward to helping the people of the town build a stronger bond with those who protect and serve them. He recently started the first ever Police Summer Youth Camp for the young people of Point Pleasant. He has also restarted the Law Enforcement Explorer Post. His future plans for the community include starting a Citizens' Academy for the residents of Point Pleasant.

In his free time he enjoys traveling with his family, scuba diving, reading Civil War history and being active in the community. He has been married for 32 years to his high school sweetheart, JoAnn (Spearer) class of 1969. They are the proud parents of two daughters and sons-in-law, Stephanie and Christopher Voit and Shannon and Gary Olsen.