



**NILS “RICK” BERGQUIST  
CLASS OF 1974**

Rick Bergquist, a 1974 graduate, was born in Point Pleasant and lived there until 1977, when he moved to Brick. After graduation, he worked in the security field until he began his law enforcement career in 1977 with the Seaside Heights Police Department as a seasonal officer. In February 1978, he was hired as a police officer with the Ocean Gate Police Department.

In December 1980, Rick began his career with the Brick Township Police Department. He has held every rank in the department, ultimately being promoted to Chief of Police in January, 2008. He has served in the Patrol Bureau, the Investigations Division, The Drug Enforcement Unit, the Professional Standards Unit, the Administrative Services Division and the Ocean County Narcotics Strike Force. He served on many interagency task forces while in the Investigations Division and was recognized for his outstanding contributions to drug enforcement by the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration.

Rick held command positions in the Operations Division, the Investigations Division and the Administrative Services Division. He was a member of the Special Emergency Response Team for twenty-four years and left the team as its commander to become Chief. He has three Meritorious Service Medals, one Unit Citation Medal and several Chief and Director Commendations.

In 1996, Rick graduated from Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the New Jersey State Association of the Chiefs of Police and the Ocean County Chiefs of Police Association. Rick was part of a task force, organized by the New Jersey State Police, which responded to New Orleans immediately after hurricane Katrina. He commanded a strike team composed of police officers from Ocean County.

Rick is most proud of his work with the Brick Rotary Bullet Proof Vest Fund Committee. He co-chaired the committee for twenty-five years. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship by the Brick Rotary Club and a Silver Life Card from PBA Local 230 for his work on the committee.

Rick lives in Brick with his high school sweetheart, Donna (Brick High School class of '74). His daughter, Tiffany, teaches and lives in Brick. His son, Douglas, lives and works in Morristown. Rick says that his grandson, Brayden, and he are together often, and it doesn't get any better than that.

Rick has always said that the Borough teachers and staff prepared him for his profession. He is blessed with a career that he loves, and he enjoys going to work every day. He is deeply honored to join the ranks of the Point Pleasant Borough Hall of Fame, especially since he has looked up to several previous inductees for many years.