

Andrew Alvarez

Andrew Alvarez is a law enforcement supervisor currently employed with the Clifton Police Department. He started his law enforcement career in 2008 with the Paterson Police Department. During this time, he gained valuable police experience by working in high level crime / drug areas. His strong work ethic earned him a Medal of Merit and was subsequently inducted into the New Jersey Honor Legion.

Andrew later joined the Clifton Police Department in 2011. His hard work and persistence led him to be chosen as a field training officer. Here he worked closely with his other FTOs and Supervising FTO to provide the level of training necessary for new officers. He was also selected to try out for the department's SWAT team where he passed all requirements and became the team medic. As a SWAT operator Andrew was given the opportunity to attend a training course from Texas State University and San Marcos, Texas Police Department for active shooter training, Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training. He became an instructor for ALERRT and assisted his department in training multiple jurisdictions, including police, fire, dispatchers, and EMS, on integrated response to an active shooter / attack events.

During his law enforcement career Andrew was able to complete all prerequisites for the Drug Recognition Expert program. He applied for the program and successfully completed the arduous course. He still holds his certification as a DRE and mentors all new DRE officers in his department. Throughout his law enforcement career, he was able to earn two college degrees from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Bachelor of Arts in Individualized Studies, and Master of Arts in Administrative Science.

In 2020, Andrew was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to the patrol division. Here he provides direction, purpose and motivation for all officers assigned to his shift. He is a mentor and role model for officers. He provides them with all the necessary tools to accomplish their job and helps them navigate the path to different units within the department as well as assisting them in preparing for promotions.

Prior to working as a law enforcement officer Andrew enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served four years in the Marines as a Bulk Fuel Specialist and Bulk Fuel Specialist Lab Technician assigned to the maintenance platoon. He served one tour in Iraq and was honorably discharged as a Sergeant.