



ANDREW WELSH
Class of 2005

Andrew Welsh was born and raised in Point Pleasant attended school in Point Pleasant and is a 2005 graduate of Point Pleasant Borough High School. During his high school career, Andrew participated as a member of the “tech crew” for all dramatic arts performances in the school. He provided the lighting and sound during school plays and event during his 4 years. While in high school, Andrew began volunteering for the Point Pleasant Fire Department and Point Boro First Aid Squad, obtaining his NJ EMT certification at 16 and graduating the Monmouth County Fire Academy while a senior.

After graduation Andrew began working for the Brick Township Police Dept EMS division as an EMT while attending OCC. During his tenure at Brick, Andrew was awarded several commendations for life saving and merit, including two for entering a burning condo to remove a victim and entering a lake at night during the winter to save a drowning victim. Andrew continues to work there on a part time basis where he is assigned to the Special Operations Division, which oversees mass casualty response, technical rescue and water rescue. Andrew is also assigned to the NJ EMS Task force through Brick Township Police EMS where he holds the title of Staging Officer.

In 2008 Andrew decided to move from the medical field into law enforcement. In 2008 Andrew graduated from the Ocean County Police Academy as a Class 2 Officer for the Point Pleasant Borough Police Department. In 2010, Andrew began his career with the Ocean Gate Police Department where he was assigned to patrol and Emergency Management. In 2012, Andrew transferred to the Franklin Township Police Department. Andrew is assigned to the Emergency Services Unit within the Patrol Division and is a field training officer for the department. Andrew currently runs the summer youth program for the department and is a member of the FAST Team. Through his employment Andrew is assigned to the Somerset County Emergency Response Team where he is assigned to the Dive Rescue Division.

Throughout his careers Andrew has continued to dedicate his free time to Point Pleasant Borough. Andrew has continued to volunteer with the Point Boro First Aid Squad since high school and has ultimately achieved the departments highest rank Captain. Andrew was the youngest Captain in the history of the squad obtaining it by the age of 22. Andrew lead the squad during Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy. Andrew holds numerous awards for Life Saving, and Squad Commendations for service. Andrew held the rank of Captain 2009-until January of 2013. In 2018 Andrew again obtained the rank of Captain with the Point Boro First Aid Squad and continues to lead the agency today. Andrew has helped build the squad up to 80 members making it one of the largest all volunteer EMS agencies in the area if not the state.

In 2013, Andrew began work with with Point Pleasant Borough Office of Emergency Management. The department at the time only had three people responsible to reduce loss of life and property in order to protect the environment from all-hazards (man-made and natural) and acts of terrorism, that occur within, or may affect, the Borough. Andrew worked diligently to raise the ranks of the agency and have them better prepared in the event of another hurricane or large-scale event. Andrew currently holds the title of Deputy Director and the department has grown to 16 Members as well as now having the Point Pleasant Borough Community Response Team (CERT).

Andrew continues to support the Borough in every way possible. Andrew continues to serve as a volunteer Firefighter with the Bay Head Fire Department. Andrews’s continuous goal is to give back as much as possible to the people of his community that have given him the ability to accomplish so much.