

BRIELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Historical Highlights 1919 - 2019

Pre-1919	Police protection came from the Sheriff of Monmouth County stationed in Freehold
1919	Upon Brielle's incorporation, J. Wellington Pearce was appointed Borough Marshall
1924	Shem B. Pearce was appointed Chief of Police without pay in 1924 and George W. Legg likewise in 1926
1929	Chief Legg was authorized to purchase a revolver and handcuffs and \$600 for a police car in 1929
1933	Chief Legg became the first paid chief in 1933; the force consisted of Chief Legg and one patrolman
1934	Chief Legg was made a full-time chief
1941	A fire occurred at police headquarters destroying records and equipment and caused \$4,000 in damages
1955	A second police car was placed into service
1964	Chief Legg retires; the force had grown to include seven police officers
1964	Patrolman Kenney, later to become Chief of Police in 1985, joins the Brielle police force as its first black member

CHIEFS 1919-2019

DATES		NAME	BADGE #
1919-1920 (Est)		J. Wellington Pearce	(A)
1920 - 1922 (Est)		Frank Pettit	(A)
1923		John Rankin	N/A
1924 - 1926		Shem Bartley Pearce	N/A
1926 - 1964		George W. Legg	1
1964 - 1974		John P. Van Kirk	100
1974 - 1982		Thomas R. Flanagan	(B)
1982 - 1985		Arthur G. Brandau	101
1985 - 1989		Alfred O. Kenney	104
1989 - 1994		Harry M. Whalen	111
1995 - 2018		Michael W. Palmer	141
2019 to Present		Gary J. Olsen	154
(A) Borough Marshall			
(B) Public Safety Director			