

## Additional Units in the Police Department

### Critical Infrastructure Protection Unit

#### Special Weapons And Tactics

The role of law enforcement in all cases, including riotous activity, anti-terrorist activities, insurrection, barricaded subjects, execution of narcotics warrants, arrest of dangerous felons and the rescue of hostages or endangered persons, is the protection of lives and property. In the pursuit of this goal, The Linden Police Department's Critical Infrastructure Protection Unit (CIPU) Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team was established in February of 2006.

The unit consists of highly trained personnel with specific skills in the areas of marksmanship, tactical response and containment, emergency medical response, deployment of specialty munitions, crisis negotiations, and Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) detection and mitigation.

The CIPU SWAT Team is under the direct supervision of the Chief of Police.

### Honor Guard Unit



The Linden Police Department's Honor Guard, the first of its kind known to the Department, was established in 2009 on the recommendation of Police Chief Michael Boyle. The Honor Guard was formed to represent the members of the Linden Police Department, its officers and families at police funerals, parades and other ceremonial occasions. Our intent is also to assist all officers and their families during their time of emotional duress from the loss or debilitating injury of their loved one. The Honor Guard is designed to provide the Department with a specially trained ceremonial team to render honors, preserve tradition, stimulate Esprit-de-corps and instill pride.

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The unit accomplishes this by providing guidance and uniformity in the conduct of ceremonies and by establishing a specific sequence of events during those ceremonies.

The unit was formally established under the guidance of Lieutenant Jeffrey Clark who also serves as its current commander. Each member successfully graduated from the Elmhurst Honor Guard Training Academy in Elmhurst, Illinois. All training costs, uniforms and equipment for this project were funded with forfeited assets from drug dealers and other criminal enterprise seizures.



### **Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT)**

The Linden Police Department provides assistance to victims of Domestic Violence through the services of a Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT). Our response team consists of volunteers from the community who, after an extensive background check, receive 40 hours of Domestic Violence training. The team members are placed on call, and come into police headquarters to speak to a Domestic Violence Victim about the dynamics of Domestic Violence, the criminal court system, as well as available resources within Union County.

The Linden DVRT program is expanding into a regional team, with the inclusion of the Rahway and Roselle Police Departments. We are always looking for volunteers and would welcome your application. Anyone interested can contact the Support Services Division at 908-474-8534.

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### **Police Athletic League (P.A.L)**

The Linden Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) offers T-ball, Junior Pee-Wee, Pee-Wee and Little League Baseball. The Seasons begin in March with the selection of teams and games run through the end of June each year.

The T-ball league is made up of 5 and 6 year old children (co-ed), Junior Pee Wee teams are made up of 7 and 8 year olds (co-ed), the Pee-Wee teams are all 9 and 10 year olds (co-ed) and Little League is 11, 12 and 13 year old boys.

Registration takes place for all leagues each year on Saturdays in October of the proceeding year at the P.A.L. Building at 400 Maple Avenue.

Our Flag Football League registers the week after Labor Day each year and runs from September into November. Games are played on weeknights “under the lights” at the P.A.L. fields on Lower Road.

The Basketball Leagues register the Saturday after Thanksgiving and the first Saturday in December each year. These leagues consist of 7, 8, 9 and 10 year old players (co-ed) and begin the first week of January, running through the end of March each year. Practices and games are played at the P.A.L. Building at 400 Maple Avenue. The game Room is also open to members during and between games for children to play pool, bumper pool, air hockey and video games. The Snack Bar is also open on Saturdays during Basketball Season for snacks and drinks.

The P.A.L. is dedicated to providing Linden Children with activities to promote teamwork and is committed to juvenile delinquency prevention. We have been involved with the community since 1952, and have seen approximately 27,600 children pass through our programs. In the last several years, we have been very pleased to see past participants in the P.A.L. now involved with their children in the same programs!

Please feel free to call us at (908) 486-6677 with any questions on our programs and check the website again for updated information.