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Ramapo Police Chief Peter Brower Honored For 45 Years Of Devotion And Duty

**Legislator Philip Soskin Cites Brower's Efforts To Keep People Safe,
Boost Community Ties**



Ramapo Police Chief Peter Brower has been honored by the Rockland County Legislature for 45 years of service. Pictured (left to right): Legislators Aron B. Wieder, Philip Soskin, Toney L. Earl, Barbara and Peter Brower, and Legislators Aney Paul, Ilan S. Schoenberger and Alden H. Wolfe.

New City, NY (Sept. 18, 2015) – The Rockland County Legislature has honored one of Rockland’s longest serving police officers for 45 years of devotion and duty.

Ramapo Police Chief Peter Brower, 68, is just the sixth person to serve as chief of the department, which was formed in 1935. He joined the force in 1970 at the age of 23.

County Legislator Philip Soskin, who represents part of Ramapo, said Brower was honored for his many years of service, including his law enforcement efforts and his ability to work closely with the community.

“It is a privilege to celebrate the many accomplishments of Chief Peter Brower,” Soskin said. “He is a person of integrity who has truly worked hard to keep people safe and to nurture deep ties in the community.”

Rockland County Sheriff Louis Falco III, on behalf of his department and the Rockland County Police Chiefs’ Association, also presented Brower with an award in honor of his years of service and dedication.

Brower was born in the Bronx and moved to Monsey at age 12. He graduated from Albertus Magnus High School in Bardonia and in 1972 earned a business degree from Pace University in Valhalla.

The son of a New York City police officer, Brower served in the Army from 1966 to 1968 and was stationed in Greece.

He married his wife, Barbara, in 1973. They have three children and four grandchildren.

Brower joined the Ramapo Police Department on Oct. 3, 1970. A series of promotions followed: sergeant in 1976; lieutenant in 1986; administrative lieutenant in 1997; captain in 1998; and chief in 2006.

Brower, who is also a 1999 graduate of the FBI National Police Academy, oversees a force of 103 members.

When Brower joined the police department, Richard Nixon was president, America was still involved in Vietnam and the biggest policing issues revolved around drugs, including heroin and marijuana.

As he prepares to retire on Sept. 25, police face far more complicated challenges, including being targeted for assassination, fighting the homefront’s war on terror, and battling a new epidemic of heroin use.

Brower said he is proud to have focused on quality of life issues and building strong community ties.

“We partnered with our stakeholders throughout the town, including the villages, to ensure a high quality of life,” Brower said.



Ramapo Police Chief Peter Brower address the audience. Also seen, Legislator Philip Soskin.

He said he is equally proud of his fellow police officers.

“I’m very proud of the Ramapo Police Department,” Brower said. “The men and women of the police department are dedicated to service and to the community. It’s a pleasure to have worked side by side with them for all these years.”

Brower said he plans to spend significantly more time with his wife and his grandchildren and also hopes to travel throughout the United States.

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