



Bordentown Township youth are invited to participate in our trading card contest. The department has a total of 28 different trading cards of Bordentown Township Police officers and other Police personnel. The goal of this program is to show our local youth how friendly, helpful, and approachable our officers are and give them a chance to get to meet the fine men and women who serve and protect their community. We hope everyone chooses to participate!

Program Overview:

- **Any resident of the Township of Bordentown up to the age of 17 is able to participate.**
- **Step 1: Acquire the Trading card checklist.**
 - a. The checklist is available for print on our department website, but can also be picked up from our department. (This is a good opportunity to meet and talk with our Administrative Assistant/EMT Mrs. Augustino and get her card!) This checklist will be used not only to keep track of your cards but is also a necessary requirement for turning in your cards.
- **Step 2: Start collecting cards!**
 - a. **Patrol Officer Card:** To collect an officer's card, the participant must speak with the officer themselves. A parent or guardian may be present at this time, but we encourage the participant to be the one to engage in the conversation. We want you to get to know our officers as your friends who are here to help!
 - b. **Chief/Captain/Lieutenants Cards:** In order to receive cards from our Chief, Captain, or Lieutenants, you must complete a good deed! This could be anything from volunteering in your community in events, community clean up, to helping a neighbor! Be sure to take a photo when you complete your good deed and email it to the department.
 - c. **K9/ACO Cards:** In order to receive a K9 or ACO card, we want you to tell us something you know about animals! Speak to a K9 or ACO officer and tell them your animal fact to be issued a card. Another way you can receive a card is to be kind to animals! This can be done simply by taking your dog for a walk, making sure you feed your pets on your own, donating supplies to a local animal shelter, or being kind to local wildlife, simply tell our K9 and ACO officers how you've been kind to animals.
 - d. **Veterans Cards:** If an officer is also a veteran, there is an additional way to receive a card from that officer! For officers; Mount, Nucera, Kotora, and Stahl; if you write a letter, draw a picture, or send a card to a veteran; you will receive one of our veteran's cards! Simply email a photo of your card or letter to us, along with a photo of you

mailing or handing it to a veteran, and we will respond to let you know when you can meet the officer whose card you choose in order to speak with that officer and obtain their card.

- **Step 3: Bring your cards along with your checklist into the station!**
 - a. Upon verification of all 28 trading cards, a prize will be awarded, and the participant (should they choose) will be posted on the BTPD Facebook page!
 - b. Along with receiving their prize, a drawing slip with the participant's name will be placed into the drawing box for the grand prize which will be awarded. This drawing will be held per every 20 participants.

Rules/Guidelines for a Participant to Collect the Cards

In order to collect an Officers card, the participant must be the one to speak with the Officer, or complete the designated task associated with that card. This does not mean the parent/guardian of the participant cannot accompany the participant when speaking with the officer, but the participant must be there to speak with the officer as the whole goal of this program is to have the participants feel comfortable enough to approach our Bordentown Township Police Officers.

- A parent cannot ask an officer for the card and collect it for the participant.
- No participant is to approach an officer while the officer is near his patrol car with lights activated.
- No student is to approach an officer while they appear to be interacting with the public in an official capacity,
- No participant is to disregard their own safety because they see an officer and need their trading card.
 - Should a participant disregard their own safety or that of another, they will not receive a card from that Officer at that time.
- If a participant loses an officers card, he is more than welcome to approach the officer again and ask for a replacement card, however this may only be done one time, as to encourage student responsibility.

These rules are made up to protect the participants as well as the officer, as the officers have to be focused at all times while on calls and during their interactions with the public.

All emails regarding the program, should be sent to our ACO Nicole Bencivengo at NBencivengo@BordentownTownshipPD.com