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Event	Ryan Eastridge offered Employment with Mount Olive Twp. Police
Date:	March 9, 2018

Former Mount Olive Township Police Officer Ryan Eastridge has been made a conditional job offer by Chief Stephen Beecher. Mayor Robert Greenbaum has authorized Eastridge's appointment effective June 30th 2018. He will be attending the 91st Basic Police Class of the Morris County Police Academy beginning on July 16th 2018.

Following Eastridge's Pardon from Governor Chris Christie in December of 2017, Ryan Eastridge contacted Chief Beecher about the possibility of returning to the Mount Olive Township Police Department. Chief Stephen Beecher said "Since Ryan Eastridge contacting me about coming back as a police officer to Mount Olive, I have had consults and conversations with a number of people. Township Attorney Fred Semrau advised me his legal opinion was that nothing would preclude me from hiring him back. In 2014, I felt that his actions were deserving of discipline. I did not feel that sanctions should have included criminal charges and forfeiture of his job. Professional Standards and Internal Affairs are arguably the most difficult job for Prosecutors, Investigators, and Police in Law Enforcement; but in 2014 I was disappointed in the outcome of this case. In 2014, Ryan Eastridge did not misrepresent what he did, he did not lie, and was forthcoming and transparent with our police department and the Morris County Prosecutor's Office. His being forthright during that time is what enabled me to confidently suggest to Mayor Robert Greenbaum he be offered employment."

Chief Beecher added "The hiring of Ryan Eastridge has the full support of my staff and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #122."

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