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Incident/Event:	New Officer Assumes Full Patrol Duties
Location:	Mount Olive Township
Officer:	Matthew Koppinger

The Mount Olive Township Police Department announces that Patrol Officer Matthew Koppinger has been released from the Field Training Program and has assumed full patrol duties. This assignment was made effective June 23rd. Chief Stephen Beecher stated "All Mount Olive Police Officers, once they graduate the police academy, must successfully complete the Field Training Program. The program generally lasts three months and rookie officers must successfully meet the five hundred and ninety seven (597) training objectives that cover a multitude of police activities, laws, policies and procedures." Officer Koppinger's Field Training Officer was Patrolman David Hering.

Officer Koppinger is a 2011 graduate of West Milford High School. Following graduation from high school, Officer Koppinger enlisted in the United States Navy. He served from January 2012 until January 2016. In 2013 he was deployed to the Middle East as part of a Coastal Riverine Group in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. While in the service, he obtained his Associates Degree from the University of Maryland in General Studies. He is currently enrolled in the Criminal Justice Program at William Paterson University.

Officer Koppinger graduated the Passaic County Police Academy March 6, 2017. Mayor Robert Greenbaum approved Officer Koppinger's recommendation for hire on January 14, 2017.

Officer Koppinger is presently assigned to the Patrol Division.

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