

Chief Joseph P. McGovern

Fair Haven Police Department

In 1987 he joined the Fair Haven Police Department as a Dispatcher and became a Special Police Officer with the department in 1989.

In November of 1991, he was appointed to the position of patrolman graduating from the Monmouth County Police Academy in May 1992.

Chief McGovern's career progressed and he was assigned to the position of Detective from 2002 until 2006; in 2006 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. In 2008, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and in August of 2015 promoted to Captain. He was sworn in as Chief of Police in April of 2016.

Chief McGovern is a graduate of the 254th class of the prestigious National F.B.I. academy in Quantico, Virginia, graduating September of 2013. He also furthered his education at Fairleigh Dickerson University and obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in 2014 and Master of Administrative Science in May of 2022.