

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 226

WHEREAS, Summit Police Detective Matthew Tarentino was raised and resided in Somerville, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Detective Tarentino attended Immaculate Conception School and graduated from Immaculata High School, both in Somerville; and

WHEREAS, Detective Tarentino earned a Bachelor's Degree in Communications with a minor in Spanish from Rutgers University; and

WHEREAS, Detective Tarentino joined the Summit Police Department in 2012, having previously served as an officer in the Rutgers Police Department and the Bound Brook Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Detective Tarentino was assigned to the Community Policing Unit, served as the Summit Police Department's D.A.R.E. Program Officer, and was posthumously promoted to the rank of Detective; and

WHEREAS, along with the Summit Police Department, Detective Tarentino was recently honored by the New Jersey Attorney General as the 2017 recipient of the Attorney General's Outstanding Community Policing Award; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2017, Detective Tarentino tragically passed away following a motor vehicle accident; and

WHEREAS, Detective Tarentino was a loving husband, father, son, and brother, whose memory will live in the hearts of his family, friends, community, and fellow members of the Summit Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Detective Tarentino served his State with courage, professionalism, and commitment to the finest ideals and traditions of the Summit Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Detective Tarentino, and we extend our sincerest sympathy to his wife, children, family, friends, and fellow members of the Summit Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark Detective Tarentino's passing and to honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Monday, June 5, 2017, in recognition of the life of and in mourning for the passing of a brave and loyal hero, Summit Police Detective Matthew Tarentino, Badge No. 121.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
1st day of June,
Two Thousand and Seventeen,
and of the Independence of the
United States, the Two Hundred
and Forty-First.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie
Governor

Attest:

/s/ Gregory L. Acquaviva
Chief Counsel to the Governor