

In an effort to address your concerns regarding our current security plan, please allow us the opportunity to provide some clarity. Bear in mind that we are taking away valuable resources, time, and manpower from our current operation in order to provide you the courtesy of a response during our current State of Emergency.

Prior to March 1, 2013 nine New Jersey State Troopers were assigned to our department. As we progress toward our recovery efforts and repopulation we can no longer continue taxing State Police Resources. We are currently assigned five State Troopers per shift which are deployed by the Chief of Police to checkpoints located where most of our compromised houses are. These Troopers are in addition to a number of part-time and full-time Mantoloking Police Officers. As a result of countless meetings it has been determined that the decrease in New Jersey Troopers from all surrounding towns was inevitable. The department is presently exploring ways to keep our present manpower without causing a financial burden for the town.

We have a fleet of unmarked vehicles that are patrolling our streets in addition to our marked units. Due to our current state of destruction and vulnerability, it is necessary to have these unmarked units in order to provide an increased level of security. Just because you do not see us, does not mean we are not there!

There is an increased presence of Law Enforcement entities including, the New Jersey State Police, Ocean County Prosecutors Office, and Ocean County Sheriff's Department. With these additional units comes specialized equipment to further assist with our security detail. Our present numbers of Law Enforcement Agencies are providing a more than adequate security profile for a municipality of our size.

Recent emails indicate that there is a concern with the lack of police presence on the south end of town. This particular end of town is being diligently patrolled due to the absence of the checkpoint at Albertson St. The department also received an email that people were sightseeing in the area as well. Please note that there are other entities that have been granted access to town to assist us with our recovery efforts such as Fema Employees, Insurance Adjusters, and Private Contractors to name a few. Please do not assume that everyone you see does not belong in town. Should you encounter someone you feel does not belong here, we ask that you contact our Police Department and let our trained personnel investigate the situation. It is imperative that you call the Police when you see something that you feel is suspicious or out of character. It is worth noting that we have not received any calls from our South residents reporting any such activity. The car parked in Mayor Nebel's driveway was permitted to be on premises; however, we thank you for your concern.

An open line of communication is key to the success of our community. Moving forward, we urge you to contact us directly should you have any questions or concerns that need immediate attention. We take pride in providing a higher level of service that our residents have grown accustomed to.

Sincerely,

Chief Mark Wright & OEM Coordinator Bob McIntyre