

Ocean County Prosecutor Coronato's Facebook Shutting Down

By Chris Lundy - October 3, 2018



The Ocean County Prosecutor's Office (Photo by Jason Allentoff)

TOMS RIVER – The Ocean County Prosecutor's Office's first Facebook page will be going dark, as Joseph Coronato is being replaced by Bradley Billhimer.

It was the first time the Ocean County Prosecutor had established a social media presence. It was a personal one set up by Coronato. A new one is set up for the incoming administration here: @ocprosecutor.

The page will be taken down at noon on Oct. 5, said Al Della Fave, press officer for the Prosecutor's Office.



Prosecutor Joe Coronato (Photo courtesy Ocean County Prosecutor's Office)

"It seems like only yesterday that Prosecutor Coronato and I discussed, with clearly unfounded reluctance, to jump into the still rarely explored world of social media for a law enforcement agency. As always to Coronato's credit, he never shied away from a challenge. Closing things out with over 22,000 followers, shows once again the wisdom of his decisions," Della Fave said.

In a previous article, Della Fave told *Jersey Shore Online* that the posts reach 100,000 users, and has done a lot of legwork in their ability to generate leads.



Al Della Fave (Photo courtesy Ocean County Prosecutor's Office)

"Coronato and I have enjoyed our tenure, and appreciate having had the opportunity play such a fulfilling role in working to protect our community," he said. "Thank you for the support, insights, and encouragement you have provided during our time at OCPO. We extend a special wish for future success to newly confirmed Prosecutor Bradley Billhimer and encourage you to continue to follow OCPO Facebook content at @ocprosecutor."

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Ocean County Pill Burn: 19 Tons Of Meds Destroyed Under Coronato

Collection and incineration of prescription pills in Ocean County was started by Prosecutor Joseph Coronato to keep meds off the streets

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TOMS RIVER, NJ — Efforts to battle the opioid crisis in Ocean County have taken on many avenues since Joseph D. Coronato was sworn in as prosecutor in 2013.

From equipping law enforcement and first responders with naloxone, creating a countywide pawn shop registry that tracks items to deter thieves and efforts to get addicts into treatment, to concerted law enforcement investigations that have led to a number of arrests, the efforts have been expansive.

Few have been as simple and as community oriented as the prescription medication collections and subsequent pill burns.

Ocean County completed another pill burn on Sept. 28, said Al Della Fave, spokesman for the prosecutor's office, destroying nearly 4,000 pounds of pills.

The pills were unneeded prescription medications that people turned in to authorities through Project Medicine Drop boxes at police departments across Ocean County. The dropboxes are anonymous and secure, and the disposals keep the medications out of the hands of those looking for pills to sell and also out of the hands of kids who may not understand the dangers.

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In total, Ocean County has burned more than 19 tons of prescription pills: 38,680 pounds since the program's inception. The first pill burn was 2,220 pounds, and since that Oct. 3, 2014 pill burn the county has collected an average of nearly 760 pounds of pills per month.

That's nearly 26 million pills, roughly, that have been incinerated and not flowed to the streets and into the hands of dealers and addicts, based on a rough estimation we made on Patch in 2016.

Below is the list of burn dates and totals:

- Oct. 3, 2014 2,220 pounds
- March 27, 2015 2,880 pounds
- July 17, 2015 2,520 pounds
- Oct. 29, 2015 2,300 pounds
- Dec. 2, 2015 1,040 pounds
- April 13, 2016 2,380 pounds
- July 20, 2016 2,960 pounds
- Oct. 26, 2016 2,800 pounds

- March 1, 2017 3,280 pounds
- Aug. 3, 2017 4,460 pounds
- Dec. 14, 2017 4,420 pounds
- May 18, 2018 3,500 pounds
- Sept. 28, 2018 3,920 pounds

If you have medications you are looking to get rid of, whether they are ones prescribed to you, ones left behind after a relative's death, ones prescribed to your children, there are Project Medicine Drop boxes at most of the county's police departments (check the list [here](#)).

The boxes only take pills in most cases. Hypodermic needles of any kind are not accepted, nor are liquid medications.

Peel off the label with the identifying information and you can drop it right into the box.

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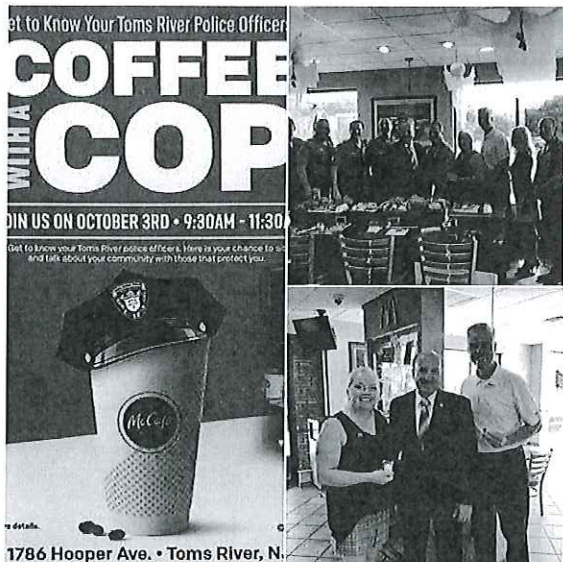
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Toms River Police Department teamed up with Toms River McDonald's owners/operators Kevin & Donna Belbey in Silverton this am to connect with the citizens they serve by sharing a free cup of coffee with customers. OC Prosecutor Coronato took time to show his support for this great initiative that #TRPD and other Ocean County PD's have taken part in recently to get an intimate view of local citizens concerns and to foster better police relations. #OCPOFamily #OCPONews



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