# Toms River DepartmentPolice Tattoo Policy

TRPD Tattoo Policy:

- Tattoos or Similar Markings (All)
  - a. Definitions:
    - 1) Tattoo - the act or practice of marking the skin with designs, forms, figures, art, etc.
    - 2) Scarification - the act of intentional cutting of the skin for the purpose of creating a design, form, figure or art.
    - 3) Branding - the act of intentional burning of the skin for the purpose of creating a design, form, figure or art.
  - b. The following tattoos, scarifications and brands are prohibited:
    - 1) Any tattoo, scarification or brand located on the head, face, or neck.
    - 2) Depictions of nudity or violence; sexually explicit or vulgar art, words, phrases or profane language; symbols likely to offend other members, employees, or members of the public, i.e., swastikas, pentagrams or similar symbols; initials, acronyms or numbers that represent criminal or historically oppressive organizations, i.e., AB, KKK, SS, MM, BGF, HA, 666, or any street gang names, numbers and/or symbols; or, any language or depiction that may impair or disrupt the operations of the Department, or is inconsistent with the mission of the Department.
  - c. Tattoos
    - All uniformed employees hired after December 30, 2012 shall not have any tattoos larger than 3x5, brands, body piercings and other body art visible while a member is in uniform or other business attire.

Tattoos are not allowed on the head, face, neck, or on the hands up to the wrist.
Any candidate having tattoos larger than 3x5 on the arms below the area covered by short sleeves would be required to wear long sleeves at all times while on duty.