



# PIZZA with a COP

**Building relationships. One slice at a time.**

Pizza with a Cop is being launched in 2022 by Chief of Police Mark Minichini from the Belleville Police Department with the objective for his officers to interact more successfully with the citizens they serve each day. Community policing has long been considered a framework for establishing trust between the community and the police. However, over time the character and composition of our communities have changed due to shifting demographics, more commuters, and the introduction of different communication methods such as websites and social media. Pizza with a Cop is being launched to break down the barrier that has been built over the years.

The Belleville Police Department **Pizza with a Cop** will bring Police Officers and the community members they serve together—over a slice of pizza—to discuss issues and learn more about each other.

## ***In Person***

Taking time to meet at neutral locations provides the opportunity for real conversations about issues that matter.

## ***Casual Atmosphere***

Pizza with a Cop events take place at local establishments. Community residents can sit down with officers and ask questions or share what's on their mind.

## ***Building Trust***

In a short time, citizens and police officers get to know each other and discover mutual goals for the communities they live in and serve.

**The Belleville Police Department would like to consider your establishment for its next Pizza with a Cop event!! If you would be interested in hosting this event and/or have more questions about the program, please contact Sgt. Anthony Abate from the Community Relations Unit at 973-450-3348 or email at [aabate@bellevillenj.org](mailto:aabate@bellevillenj.org).**