Several years ago, the Ocean County Vocational Technical School established their Homeland Security Program. As stated in the OCVTS brochure, “Homeland Security has become one of the most important topics facing our nation today.” James Anuario, Instructor of the Homeland Security Program, said the program encompasses a variety of relevant subjects. Emergency Management, National Incident Management Systems, and Hazmat Training are some of the topics we cover. As an instructor at the Academy of Law and Public Safety, he commented about his former student, “I have had the distinct pleasure of guiding John Cate through his academic career. John has always challenged himself academically. He was an active participant in class discussion and grasped materials quickly. He has always had a desire for assisting other classmates in a time of need. It was that passion that drove him to secure a position in the Ocean Township Police Department as a Communications Officer.”

After extending a firm handshake, John Cate remarked, “The Ocean County Vocational Technical School’s Homeland Security Program was my favorite part of the day during high school. The instructors gave everyone a surplus of knowledge and challenged us every day. The class offered multiple certifications. I still use these certifications today as a communications officer and firefighter. I am where I am today thanks to my instructor, Officer Anuario and the Academy of Law and Public Safety.”