

**John M. Carpino**  
**Village of Willow Springs Village President**  
**Chief of Police (Retired)**  
Class of 1973

**How has Triton College made an impact on your life?**

The relationships built at Triton helped me network and get recognized in the law enforcement community. The hours earned at Triton were applied towards my bachelor's degree at Lewis University and I continued to earn my master's degree as well. I have proudly displayed my Triton College diploma in my office throughout my career.

**Biography:**

John Carpino began his law enforcement journey while attending Triton College and working as a police cadet. Soon after graduation he was hired as a police cadet for the Addison Police Department and was sworn in as a police officer for the department in 1974.

In 1979, Carpino joined the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department and was promoted to sergeant in 1985 and lieutenant in 1991. During that time, Carpino earned a bachelor's and master's degree in criminal/social justice (cum laude) from Lewis University.

Carpino later attended the prestigious School of Police Staff and Command (Class 115) at Northwestern University as well as the Executive Institute hosted by Northwestern University. In 2000, Carpino was promoted to deputy chief while serving on the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department and retired in 2002. He later accepted the position as police chief for the Willow Springs Police Department and went on to serve as the acting police chief for the Oak Brook Police Department as well as chief of police for the village of Worth and later the village of Westchester, until his retirement in 2016.

Carpino has earned a number of awards and commendations throughout his career. His accomplishments include founding an online resource for crime prevention tips, SafetyCops.com, in 2000 for which he received an award from the Illinois Academy of Criminology. In 1994, he apprehended a prolific bank robbery suspect while off duty with his wife and daughter. While serving as chief of the Worth Police Department, he apprehended a murder suspect, who received a life sentence. In 2015, the Italian American Police Association honored him as their man of the year.

Carpino served as a member of the adjunct faculty at Lewis University from 2005 to 2016, teaching classes in the undergrad and upper division program for their Justice, Law and Public Safety Studies.

Carpino was elected village president of the village of Willow Springs in 2017.

Carpino and his wife Patti have been married since 1974 and have one daughter, Lindsey Ann, and one granddaughter, Madison Marie.