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Pension, county job add up for ex-chief

Former Jersey City Police Chief Robert Troy, who has gone from fighting crime to pushing pencils as a \$70,000 a year confidential aide in Hudson County government, is also raking in \$96,200 a year in pension, according to government records.

Troy was chief from December 2004 to July 1 of this year at a salary of \$148,176, and at retirement he received a payout of \$147,958 for unused sick days, holidays and vacation time, according to state and city records. In addition to his tenure as chief, Troy served on the police department for just under 24 years.

Troy makes \$70,000 a year as an aide in the county Department of Administration and Finance and is also the top candidate for a high ranking job in the Hudson County Sheriff's Office, officials said.

With his county job, he has an annual income in retirement greater than that of the highest law enforcement official in the county, Hudson County Prosecutor Edward DeFazio, who makes about \$141,000 a year.

Attempts to reach Troy last night were unsuccessful.

In his current job he looks for ways to cut overtime and deploy staff, which he gained experience in as police chief, according to Jim Kennelly, spokesman for Hudson County Executive Tom DeGise.

"The county executive is pleased to have him on board," said Kennelly.

Troy is on a very short list to fill a vacancy left by the retirement of Sheriff's Office Chief Warrant Officer John Curran, Hudson County Sheriff Joseph Cassidy said.

Cassidy said in the next few months he will make a decision on who will fill the post, which also pays around \$70,000 a year. Troy would be outranked by the sheriff and under-sheriffs.

Troy is also doing research for Cassidy on the feasibility of starting a county police academy, which would be used to train officers for Hudson County's municipal police departments and for Sheriff's officers, Cassidy said.

If he were to be named chief warrant officer, Troy would command the Sheriff's Office's detective bureau and oversee the execution of arrest warrants, the transportation of prisoners to treatment facilities and the extradition of fugitives to Hudson County.

The Sheriff's Office cleared about 6,000 criminal arrest warrants last year, including making more than 3,000 arrests. The office extradited 172 prisoners to Hudson County.

Journal staff writer Jarrett Renshaw contributed to this report