



## Chief Samuel J. Park

Chief Samuel J. Park was among the first group of Patrolmen to join the Glen Rock Police Department during the 1920's. He was appointed under the command of Glen Rock's first Police Chief James Houlihan on January 1, 1922.

When he joined the GRPD he and Chief Houlihan were the only active members of the department. By the end of the 1920's the department would have six members who operated without the benefit of modern equipment or training. All relied on the training they received while serving with the US Armed Forces.

Chief Park was the first member of the GRPD to hold the rank of Captain and was promoted to Chief on May 16<sup>th</sup> 1944. During his tenure the department grew to 15 members who patrolled the borough by car, motorcycle and on foot. In 1946 Chief Park oversaw the installation of a two-way radio system in police headquarters as well as the department's patrol cars. This dramatically increased the police response time to the growing number of calls being received each year.

Chief Park served the Glen Rock Police Department with honor and distinction until the time of his passing on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1952.



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