



New Garden Police Department

Chief Simpson



I know I sound like a broken record, but 2015 was a busy year, full of activities and challenges of varying degrees.

At this time last year we were full steam ahead with the multi-municipal Regional Policing process. As many of you are aware, those efforts came to an unceremonious end in June of this year when the original participants for varying reasons withdrew from the process. However, our time was not wasted. During this 2 year process, we found a potential partner we hadn't originally considered. Turns out, they have similar public safety needs and interests.

During the August 2015 Board of Supervisor's meeting I made the following comment:

"When you say it out loud, New Garden Township a community of 16.5 square miles and 12,000 plus residents compared to West Grove Borough a small community of 2,800 residents it doesn't appear to make sense --- until you see it on paper."

Based on my recommendation, the Board of Supervisors agreed to explore the possible benefits of merging our police services with West Grove Borough.

Partnering improves the delivery of public safety services in so many ways. But the real benefit is what I describe in a single word; "stabilization." Our critical areas of operation become stable and when that happens the community becomes safer.

1. The budget becomes predictable,
2. The quality and level of service is enhanced,
3. The police coverage becomes consistent,

If the partnership happens, we will experience other benefits, such as being able to recruit, retain and uniformly train our officers to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

There are a lot of details to work out, but partnering with a neighbor 3 miles to our west is a win-win for BOTH communities.

For more information on this topic, check out our websites at www.newgarden.org and www.ngpd.org. Look for an open letter to the public and details for a Town Hall style meeting in January of 2016.

2016 Forecast:



As 2015 comes to a close, I want to share with our readers two happenings for the police department in 2016, both of which are exciting for the organization and the residents.

In October, the township approved a Police Facility Needs Assessment. The township hired Redstone Architects, Inc. as our consultant to thoroughly research and report on the facility's design and space needs.

The process includes an in-depth questionnaire to understand our operations. This is followed up by a visit from Daniel Redstone so that he can personally meet personnel and assess the police department's operation firsthand. When the research is complete, a report will be published to guide our steps into the next phase of the project. This effort will put us on an educated road to efficiently build a modern police facility that is designed to fit our operation.

For several reasons, in early 2016 the police department will experience several organizational changes. We will start with the hiring of six (6) part-time police officers, which will help us to meet coverage demands while mitigating manageable expenditures. In addition, fulltime personnel are currently in a promotion process and interviewing for transfers into specialized assignments. Once the specialized assignments are filled, we intend to address our perpetual challenges starting with the Opiate Epidemic and its impact to the community's quality of life. Next, we intend to address the chronic speeding complaints. Data and intelligence based policing will be used to guide and measure our efforts.

Check in at our website www.ngpd.org or Facebook to follow our efforts.

Employee Profile:

In this edition, we have selected two police officers, both who were recently reclassified to fulltime status, Police Officer Ryan Kushner and Police Officer Jose Reyes.



Ryan graduated from Temple University in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. While pursuing his degree, he participated in an internship program with the Philadelphia Police Department Center City District. After graduating from Temple University, Ryan received his Act 120 certification from the Delaware County Municipal Police Academy.

Ryan Kushner started his career as a part-time police officer with New Garden Township in March of 2014. Later he accepted another part-time position with East Whiteland Township. On October 30th, New Garden Township reclassified Ryan to fulltime status, where we hope he will remain for many years ahead.

It is worth noting, that Ryan was a recipient of the 2014 DUI Enforcement Award for his proactive policing efforts. On a personal note, Ryan is an avid Philadelphia Eagles fan.



José is no stranger to law enforcement or New Garden Township; he started his career in July of 1980 when he entered into the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Academy. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the Avondale Barracks in Chester County. During his time with PSP, José served in/as:

Patrol from 1980 – 1986

Criminal Investigations 1986 – 1994

Fire Marshal Unit 1990-1996 (1990-1994 as alternate)

Promoted to Corporal 1996 and assigned to the Swiftwater Barracks (Troop N – Hazelton)

Very First Coordinator of the Megan's Law Unit 1996-1998

Staff Services Corporal and Evidence Custodian 1998-1999

Criminal Investigation Supervisor 1999-2008

Upon completion of service with PSP, José retired and went to work in the private sector until March of 2013 when he returned to law enforcement part time with the New Garden Township Police.

José also worked part time with the Oxford Borough Police and as the Oxford School District Police Officer as a part of Signal 88.

José became Full Time with New Garden Twp. Police on November 18, 2015.

José is married to his wife of 36 years Susan and they reside in Nottingham, PA. They have two grown daughters Natasha and Jessica. José and Susan have three (3) grandsons Jacob 14, Seth 13 and Joel 11.

José serves as Board President of the Crime Victim Center of Chester County and as the President of the Law Enforcement Occupational Advisory Committee for the Chester County Technical High School College at Pennocks Bridge. José serves on the Session at Manor Presbyterian Church in Cochranville, PA and along with his wife serve as volunteers at Canine Partners For Life in Cochranville, PA as a puppy home.

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