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**Mine Hill Police Chief Since 2002**

# **WHARTON/MINE HILL POLICE SERVICES AGREEMENT**

**We are the Mine Hill Police Department  
Since 2002**

**In 2001 Mine Hill Township  
sought to enter into discussions regarding  
consolidated police services**

- **Response:**

- **Dover** - **No**
- **Randolph** - **No**
- **Roxbury** - **No**
- **Wharton** - **Yes**

# **Discussions Take Place Between Mine Hill Township/Wharton Borough**

- **Committees from the (2) municipalities had numerous meetings to discuss the specifics of a consolidated Police Department.**
- **They formed (1) combined Police Department serving both communities.**
- **The combining of the departments saved both municipalities hundreds of thousands of dollars.**

# Mine Hill Concerns

- Mine Hill was concerned about their (8) officers being offered positions with the Wharton Police Department.
- Mine Hill wanted to be assured that they would have an officer assigned to Mine Hill Township on a 24/7 basis.

# Mine Hill Concerns Addressed

- When the Wharton/Mine Hill Police Contract was developed, it was agreed that all (8) of Mine Hill Township officers would be given first opportunity for positions with the Wharton Police Department.
- The Agreement also requires that Mine Hill Township be designated as a specific patrol zone and at least (1) Police Officer be assigned 24/7.

# Current Operation

## Wharton/Mine Hill Police Coverage

<b>Wharton - Patrol #1</b>		<b>Mine Hill - Patrol #2</b>
Wharton is the Primary Responsibility		Mine Hill is the Primary Responsibility
	<b>Patrol #3</b>	
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# **Current Operation Continued**

- **The current Wharton/Mine Hill Police Services Agreement took months of negotiations and careful consideration by both municipalities.**

- **Major Contributor to Contract Costs:**

**Combining (8) Mine Hill positions with those of Wharton.**

**Equal distribution of personnel to both towns.**

# **Request for Proposal**

- **Wharton Borough asked for clarification of Mine Hill's request for a new police services proposal.**
- **Mine Hill made it clear, that the Township was not interested in any change in service.**
- **Mine Hill further advised that the officer assigned to Mine Hill on a 24/7 basis is still a Township requirement and that a patrol zone overlapping Mine Hill would not be acceptable.**

# **Request for Proposal Continued**

- **Wharton Borough carefully considered Mine Hill's request for a new proposal to provide police services.**
- **It was determined that there is no way to change the way costs are determined in the current Wharton/Mine Hill Agreement, without dealing with the entire contract and the applicable mandates as a whole.**

# **Request for Proposal Continued**

- **In order to utilize a population based formula to determine costs as requested by Mine Hill, Wharton would have to consider taking the following action:**
  - **1. Reduce staff.**
  - **2. Reduce the service provided.**
- **Neither action would be approved by Wharton.**

# **Request for Proposal Continued**

- Wharton and Mine Hill have maintained a great relationship and the Police Services Agreement has been a great success for both municipalities.**
- The current Police Services Agreement is effective through the year 2016. It is Wharton's position and intention to honor that agreement in full.**

# **Request for Proposal Continued**

- Committees from the Borough of Wharton and Mine Hill Township have been meeting to discuss ways to reduce costs.**
- Wharton is hopeful those talks will continue.**

# Closing

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# Questions?

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