



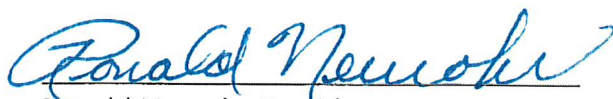
Joint Statement from Reserve Township and Etna Borough Re: Police Regionalization

The Reserve Township Board of Commissioners and Etna Borough Council have mutually agreed to request technical assistance from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) regarding the feasibility of establishing a regional police force.


Both governing bodies have a tradition of providing high quality community police services, something they wish to continue. They realize that a regional force may be a more cost effective option while also providing more training, specialty police services, and advancement opportunities. This would lead to better recruitment and retention and provide a more complete service to the community. Fifty-eight percent of municipal police departments in Pennsylvania have less than ten officers. When established thoughtfully and administered properly, a regional police force can provide many benefits to the officers and the communities they serve.

With that in mind, the elected officials, managers and police chiefs of several municipalities met recently to determine the level of interest in exploring a regional force. Of those municipalities, Reserve Township and Etna Borough agreed to take the first step, which is to submit a Letter of Intent to the DCED Governor's Center for Local Government Services requesting technical assistance. If the request is approved, the next step would be a Feasibility Study conducted by Peer Consultants.

Again, this is a very preliminary step in a process which, if approved, would take several years to complete. We wish to keep our communities informed as the process unfolds.



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