

RUSH TOWNSHIP, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-17

A RESOLUTION OF RUSH TOWNSHIP ISSUING A DIRECTIVE TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE REGARDING SCHEDULING OF RUSH TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Rush Township Police Department currently consists of a full-time Chief of Police and numerous part-time police officers; and

WHEREAS, the Rush Township Board of Supervisors desires to have as many shifts as possible covered by its part-time officers, who are limited in the amount of hours they can work during the week, to increase the times during the work week when a Rush Township police officer is on-duty and available to protect and serve the residents of Rush Township; and

WHEREAS, Rush Township is limited in the funds available to devote to police services, and the Board of Supervisors desires to maximize its resources to have as many different shifts covered by an on-duty officer and to cut back on officers working overlapping shifts; and

WHEREAS, Rush Township previously adopting a set of Standard Operating Procedures governing the conduct of its Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Article I-9 of the Standard Operating Procedures includes schedule management in the nature of the Police Chief's work, and Article II-3 of the Standard Operating Procedures assigns responsibility to the Police Chief to assign department members to duty; and

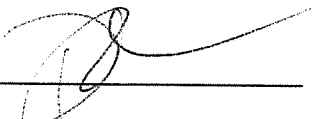
WHEREAS, the Rush Township Board of Supervisors has determined that a directive to the Chief of Police is appropriate to further direct how schedule management and assignment to duty shall be performed;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED as follows:

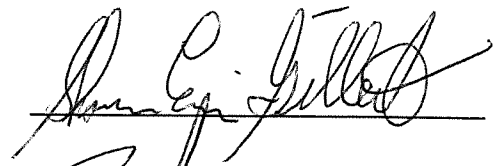

1. The Chief of Police, in setting schedules of Rush Township Police Department officers, shall endeavor to ensure that not more than 1 officer shall be on-duty to cover a shift at the same time.
2. The Standard Operating Procedures are modified to the extent that the Chief of Police shall endeavor to comply with the directive stated in Paragraph 1 of this Resolution in exercising his discretion in scheduling.
3. Exceptions to the directive stated in Paragraph 1 of this Resolution include the following: if the Chief of Police is on-duty but performing required office work as opposed to covering the shift in the field; one officer is providing required training to another officer; one or more of the officers on duty are working pursuant to a Highway Safety grant, performing drug task force work, involved in a DUI-checkpoint, or working pursuant to some similar program whereby the officer(s)' salary is being paid or reimbursed by federal, state or county funds; one or more officers are on-duty but are in court; an unforeseen emergency situation requiring the response of more one officer to ensure the safety of the public or police department personnel.
4. The Chief of Police may request permission to violate the directive stated in Paragraph 1 of this Resolution based on operational needs, such as when there is heavy traffic in Rush Township due to the Hometown Auction, or when a warrant round-up is occurring. Permission shall be requested from the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors, who is hereby authorized to grant said permission on a case-by-case basis.
5. The Secretary shall deliver a copy of this Resolution to the Chief of Police.

RESOLVED, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

Secretary

  
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Attest

Rush Township Board of Supervisors

  
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