



MARCH 2026

Community Service Events:

On 3/10/26, Lt. Krahling and Officer Leitzell participated in the annual Light Up the Night emergency vehicle procession at the Hershey Medical Center. This event features over 150 emergency response vehicles from various agencies throughout central Pennsylvania. The event is designed to bring a smile to the faces of children who are receiving treatment at the hospital.

On 3/18/26 Cpl. Smith attended Upper Dauphin Area High School's career day event with K-9 Santi. There were four sessions throughout the day where Cpl. Smith spoke to students about a career in law enforcement and conducted a short K-9 demo with each class session.

On 3/19/26 Superintendent Stauffer, Lt. Milsteen, Sgt. Neal, Sgt. Baluh and Officer Ryder attended the monthly Coffee with a Cop session, which was held at Target of High Pointe Commons.

On 3/19/26 Cpl. LeCadre and Officer Hulstine attended a career fair social event at Elizabethtown College. This event supported our Department's recruitment efforts and provided an opportunity for college students to learn more about the Swatara Township Police Department and a career in law enforcement.

On 3/28/26 Superintendent Stauffer, Lt. Krahling and Cpl. Lex all attended the township's annual Easter Egg Hunt at Ivy Ridge Park.

Community Service Presentations:

On 3/3/26, the Worship Academy School of the Arts (held at the Beulah Baptist Church) hosted a career day for their students and invited the Swatara Township Police and Fire Departments to participate. The school supports grades K-12 and had approximately 30 students in attendance.

Cpl. Pokrop attended this event and spoke about the job of a police officer and then answered several questions from the students.

On 3/23/26 Cpl. Pokrop attended the All You Can Leadership Academy at the Steelton-Highspire School District and presented information about a career in law enforcement and Use of Force in policing.

TEAM Program:

TEAM stands for Teaching, Educating And Mentoring. This program was developed for police officers to go into the schools and teach children about various lessons that pertain to their safety. Subjects include but are not limited to cyber bullying, rules and laws, drugs are dangerous and gun violence. Each of the elementary schools as well as Swatara Middle School and the Steelton Highspire School District has a dedicated TEAM officer assigned to them. Each TEAM officer serves as the liaison between their assigned school and the police department.

In March there was one TEAM lesson taught at Lawnton Elementary School. The lesson “The Truth about Drugs,” was taught to both fifth grade classes by Cpl. Pokrop.

Bike Unit:

There were no bike patrol details conducted during the month of March.

Job Shadows/Internships:

Police Officer applicant, Marcus Gonzalez, participated in a job shadow with our Department on 3/28/26. Mr. Gonzalez was paired with Officer Christopher Jones from our Patrol Division.

Drive Safe PA Enforcement Programs:

The second enforcement wave for the 2025-2026 grant cycle for Aggressive Driver is currently taking place. Information on the details for this enforcement wave will be reported in next month’s CS report.

DUI Enforcement Details:

There were no DUI enforcement details that took place during the month of March.

Swatara Township Police Department’s Drug Drop Box:

The Swatara Township Police Department offers a public drug drop box which allows residents and non-residents to dispose of their expired or unused medication in a safe manner. **Expired/unused medication was collected from the public during the month of March which totaled 53.12 lbs.**

Child Passenger Seat Installations:

Statistics show that 4 out of 5 car seats are installed incorrectly. The Swatara Township Police Department has four Child Passenger Seat technicians who are available to assist the public with safety seat checks and installations. **There were no child passenger seat installations/checks conducted during the month of March.**

Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP):

Officer Brandon Ryder serves as our department's full time MCSAP officer.

Level 3 Inspections involve an investigation into the driver of a commercial vehicle only. A Level 2 Inspection involves an investigation into the driver of a commercial vehicle as well as a walk around the vehicle. A Level 1 Inspection involves an inspection of the driver of a commercial vehicle as well as a full inspection of the vehicle.

During the month of March, there were three Level 1 Inspections, eight Level 2 Inspections and nine Level 3 Inspections. These inspections resulted in 59 violations documented, 11 Out of Service violations and 6 citations issued. Officer Ryder also conducted 67 non-systemic details.

Future Events:

Senior Resource Fair

Swatara Township will be hosting their 4th Annual Senior Resource Fair on April 29th, from 10am until 1pm, at the LCBC Church in Swatara Township. This event will feature over 100 vendors who specialize in resources for senior citizens. The Senior Resource Fair is free to attend and is open to the general public. Senior citizens age 55 and over as well as care givers for senior citizens are encouraged to attend this event.

Respectfully submitted,

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