

Your Donation Dollars At Work

Over the years the WPA has received tremendous support from our residents and we want make sure you know how much it is appreciated. In addition to helping retired officers with medical expenses, your donation dollars go towards many WPA sponsored events throughout the township, including:

- Sponsoring Whitpain Recreation Association youth baseball teams.
- Donating food and toys to the Law Enforcement Food Drive which goes to the Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard and the Norristown Salvation Army.
- Supporting various local charities and township residents facing difficult times.
- Sponsoring children's games and prizes for the township's annual Harvest Fest/Community Day.

- Keeping Whitpain residents and businesses informed through a community newsletter.
- Assisting with special events in the community.
- Sponsoring a paper shredder event for residents.
- Donating \$5,000 to the Whitpain Parks & Recreation's Stony Creek Day Camp Scholarship Fund.

This year, the WPA would also like to show our gratitude by hand delivering a WPA gift basket to those donating \$200 or more. This small token of our appreciation will include several WPA merchandise items such as t-shirt, coffee mug, water bottle and more. And it will be hand delivered to you by WPA members so that we can thank you in person! (Please be sure to include your phone # on the donation card so that you can be contacted)



Department Update

On Friday February 10, 2017, the Whitpain Township Police Department and members of the community celebrated the retirement and distinguished career of Sergeant Cathy Penecale. Hundreds of people attended the celebration at Normandy Farms Hotel to celebrate and show appreciation for Cathy's dedication to this department, township and community.

Cathy started her law enforcement career in 1985 with Plymouth Township Police Department as a part time police officer and in 1986 she was hired by Whitpain Township Police Department, becoming the first female officer in Whitpain.



In 1991 she attended training with the Bureau of Narcotics Investigations given by the PA Attorney General's Office and participated in undercover drug work throughout Montgomery County. Her desire to stop illegal drug use continued over the years as she taught DARE in the Wissahickon School District and St. Helena School.

In 1992 she attended basic Crisis Negotiator training, joined the Whitpain Township SWAT team and then the Central Montgomery County SWAT team when it was formed.

Cathy was one of the founding members of the Whitpain Police Association, formed to assist Whitpain officers with medical expenses during their retirement and to give back to the community which they serve. Cathy played an integral part in the great relationship the WPA and the police department share with the Whitpain community.

In 2000 Cathy was promoted to patrol sergeant and in 2005 was moved to the position of sergeant in charge of the juvenile investigations and public relations. Cathy's dedication to this community will not be forgotten and we wish her luck in her well-deserved retirement.

In March of 2016, Whitpain PD welcomed Officer Bianca DeLuca to the department. Officer DeLuca graduated from Kutztown University with a Bachelors in Criminal Justice in 2015 and started her career as a Class II Police Officer with Wildwood Crest PD for two seasons. She is a welcomed addition to our police family and community.

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2017

WHITPAIN POLICE
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Members 2017

Association Officers

Det. Brad Potter, *President*
Sgt. Jon Bleuitt, *Vice President*
Sgt. Anthony Cianci, *Treasurer*
Ofc. Fran Rippert, *Secretary*
Lt. William Armstrong,
Financial Secretary

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Chief Kenneth Lawson
Lt. Jeff Franck
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Ofc. Georgette Hill
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Ofc. Scott Buchanan
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Det. Thomas Wittig
Ofc. Steve Nickel
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Ofc. Christopher Rotondo
Ofc. Brian Richard
Ofc. Brian Sweisfurth
Ofc. Michael McGuire
Ofc. Brian Daly
Ofc. Seth Homan
Ofc. Shaun Beitler
Ofc. Frank Franco
Ofc. Matt Bealer
Ofc. Jonathan Gallagher
Ofc. Ivan Kosty
Ofc. Richard Houser
Ofc. Bianca DeLuca

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David O'Brien
Joseph Stemple
Wayne Straub
Anthony Lepore
Thomas Medwid
Harvey Foster
Michael Adgie
Mark Smith
Marc Azeff
Cathy Penecale

Whitpain Police Association

2017

Run From The Cops 5K & Fun Walk

Brought to you by the Whitpain Police Association
Saturday May 13, 2017 in Blue Bell, PA
5K Run and 1 Mile fun walk, fun for the family

Here's your chance to run from the cops without the consequences!

The WPA is excited to announce the First Annual "Run From The Cops 5k and Fun Walk", being held on Saturday May 13, 2017 at 9:00 am in beautiful Blue Bell, PA.

This professionally timed event takes place at the Arbor Crest business complex located 721 Arbor Way Blue Bell, PA. Check in will start at 7:30 am and the 5K race and fun walk will begin at 9:00 am sharp! Medals will be awarded to the top male and female winners in each age class.

Entry for either Event: \$25 if postmarked by **April 30, 2017**, includes guaranteed shirt in the size you order. After April 30th, including race day, \$30 includes a shirt while they last. Participants can register for the event at www.pretzelcitysports.com. (Closes midnight, the Wednesday of race week)

This event will be held rain or shine and fees are not refundable. For additional information you can contact Shaun Beitler by email at sbeitler@whitpainpolice.org. All proceeds benefit the Whitpain Township Police Association which assist with the supporting of local events in Whitpain Township and assists retired Police Officers with medical expenses.

Sponsors:



DeKalb Produce Market
1530 DeKalb Pike
Blue Bell, PA 19422



Philly Pretzel Factory
1301 Skippack Pike
Blue Bell, PA 19422

Facebook Follow-up



Thanks to the residents of Whitpain, the first year of our department Facebook page was a huge success! We would to thank all those who messaged our page with tips, or shared our posts to help spread the word on a wide variety of cases such as robberies, thefts, burglaries, missing persons, lost/found pets, road closures, public safety alerts and many others. Because of your efforts, the police department was able to quickly reunite lost pets with their owners, help find elderly residents who may have gotten lost, help solve multiple crimes and apprehend suspects, and help bring the police department even closer to its residents through open communication and information sharing. A police department is only as strong as its residents and community and all of our successes are your successes. We value the strong working relationship we share with the Whitpain community and strive to continue that relationship. So please continue to show your support through following our Facebook page and spreading our message!



And just think, by clicking that button, YOU might help solve a crime!

Visit us <https://www.facebook.com/WhitpainTownshipPolice/> and be sure to click and in order to stay up to date on events in Whitpain Township.

Also please note, there has been a small change to our **WPA website**. Our new website is www.whitpainpoliceassociation.com (previously .org). Visit this site for updates on our upcoming events, pictures from previous events, registration forms and a digital copy of this newsletter.

Visit our web site at www.whitpainpoliceassociation.com



Whitpain Police Association 12th Annual Car Show



“Cruise at the College”
Montgomery County Community College
Route 202 & Morris Road,
Blue Bell, PA 19422
(Morris Road Entrance)

Saturday, September 16th 2017
3PM until 7PM – Registration begins at 1PM
Rain Date Sunday, September 17th 2017



Official Tee Shirt, Dash Plaque & Packets free to the first 150 vehicles!
(MUST REGISTER BY AUGUST 1ST TO GET CORRECT SHIRT SIZE)
(NO saved packets, shirts or refunds for pre-registered no shows)

Top (50) Awards & Best in Show will be presented by our judges
Must Be Present to Receive Award
Drawings for Door Prizes & 50/50

Pre-registration \$10.00, day of show \$13.00. General Public admitted free
Pre-Registration Ends September 1st

Antiques, Street Rods, Muscle Cars, High Performance Vehicles, Cycles & Trucks

Come join us for an afternoon of Fun, Friends, Food and Music

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR FULL FLYER & REGISTRATION FORM
www.whitpainpoliceassociation.com

The Paper Shredder Event



Join us for this free event on Saturday June 3rd, 2017 between 9am-1pm, or until the truck is filled.
Location: Stony Creek Sports Park – 500 North Wales Road in Blue Bell.

The Paper Shredder event is one of the ways in which the Whitpain Police Association shows its appreciation for all the support we get throughout the year. This event is sponsored and paid for by the WPA and is open to all Whitpain residents. It is an easy, safe and efficient way to dispose of all of your sensitive paperwork that is no longer needed; particularly after tax season. **DO NOT** risk throwing away sensitive documents in a trashcan where your personal information can be stolen and used for Identity Theft!

Rapid Recycling, Inc will set up their on-site shredding truck and Whitpain Police Association members will be available to assist you with getting your sensitive documents shredded. *Rapid Recycling, Inc* is a bonded vendor that conforms to all HIPAA and GLB standards on the handling and processing of confidential documents for destruction. The on-site truck is only capable of shredding **paperwork**. Please bring any documents that you would like destroyed and **make sure that they are free from rubber bands, binders, or anything else that could impede the shredding process.**

Help Us Help You

Whitpain Township residents have the privilege of living in one of the safest areas in our region. However, crime occurs everywhere. In the year 2016, the Whitpain Police Department took ten (10) reports of stolen vehicles in the township. In every one of these cases, the keys were either left inside the vehicles or were easily located by the actor(s) in close proximity to the vehicles.

In the same year, there were fifty (50) reports of thefts or attempted thefts from vehicles. Forty-nine (49) out of these fifty cases involved vehicles that were left unlocked, either in a driveway or parked along the street.

By taking the simple steps of locking our vehicles and not leaving the keys in or near them, we can make ourselves less likely targets. The Whitpain Police Department wishes to remind all of our residents to lock their vehicles, even when parked in their driveways or on the street in front of their residences. Help us to prevent these crimes before they happen.



The Whitpain Golf Classic



Join us for the 2017 Golf Outing!

Monday, June 26
9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Check-in
12 p.m. Shotgun Start
Blue Bell Country Club
\$150 per person

Price includes a round of golf with cart, BBQ lunch, beverages on the course, open bar with hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, prizes, and much more!

Benefits the Whitpain Police Association, Centre Square Fire Company, and Stony Creek Day Camp Scholarship Fund

Sponsor Opportunities

Various sponsor opportunities available! Please email **Brad Potter** (bpotter@whitpainpolice.org) for more information.

Registration Instructions

- Visit www.whitpainrec.com
- Register yourself and up to 3 other golfers
- When selecting quantity, list the total number of golfers you are registering and paying for, including yourself
- When prompted, list any additional players that are registering separately that you are NOT paying for
- **Please note, they will have to mail in or register online (Whitpainrec.com) separately**
- If you would like to mail in individual checks under one registration, select “Print Registration Form” and mail in separate payments, otherwise pay with a single credit card at check-out

If mailing a check, make checks payable to Whitpain Township.



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The WPA is also excited to announce a Facebook page dedicated just to the Whitpain Police Association. Check us out on Facebook to stay up to date on all our events and view pictures from past events. From there, you can click the “Learn more” button which will take you directly to our website!