

## Whitpain Police Association Members 2020

### Association Officers:

Ofc. Seth Homan, *President*  
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Ofc. Matt Bealer, *Secretary*  
Det. Sgt. Thomas Wittig  
*Financial Secretary*

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Chief Kenneth Lawson  
Lt. William Armstrong  
Lt. Joseph Fenerty  
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Sgt. Jon Bleuit  
Ofc. Steve Nickel  
Ofc. George Frost  
Ofc. Christopher Rotondo  
Ofc. Brian Richard  
Sgt. Brian Sweisfurth  
Ofc. Michael McGuire  
Ofc. Brian Daly  
Sgt. Fran Rippert  
Ofc. Shaun Beitler  
Sgt. Frank Franco  
Ofc. Jonathan Gallagher  
Ofc. Ivan Kosty  
Ofc. Richard Houser  
Ofc. Bianca DeLuca  
Ofc. Matt Frank  
Ofc. Joseph Sullivan

### Retired Members:

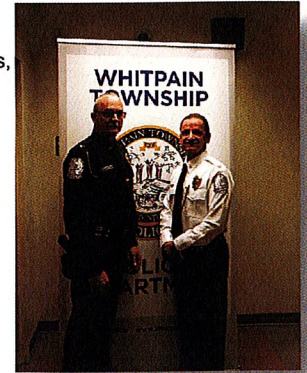
John Blake  
David O'Brien  
Joseph Stemple  
Wayne Straub  
Anthony Lepore  
Thomas Medwid  
Harvey Foster  
Michael Adgie  
Mark Smith  
Marc Azeff  
Cathy Penecale  
Jeff Franck  
Georgette Hill  
Jay Pratt  
Brian Wilfong  
Anthony Cianci  
James Vinter

# Whitpain Police Association 2020 Department Update

2020 has been quite the year and a very difficult year for many people. Unfortunately, due to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the WPA had to cancel all events for the year. These events give the police association members a chance to meet and interact with our citizens and we very much look forward to their return next year.

### Promotion:

Lieutenant Joe Fenerty was hired in 1994. During the past 25 years he has served the department and community in many different capacities. Aside from his patrol duties, Joe served as a SWAT Operator, Hostage Negotiator, SWAT Team Commander, Detective since 1996, promoted to Detective Sergeant in 2005, and most recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2019. Among his many accomplishments, Joe was honored and proud to attend the 2018 FBI National Academy Class 273. This distinguished training provided Joe with valuable information and training tools to bring back to Whitpain Township. Congratulations Lt. Fenerty on a distinguished career and on your recent promotion.



Lt. Fenerty and Chief Lawson

### New Officers:

**Officer Jamil Van** grew up in Chester County, PA. He graduated from Kutztown University with a Criminal Justice degree and then attended Delaware County Municipal Police Academy. Jamil began his law enforcement career as an officer in Downingtown Borough before coming to Whitpain Township. Jamil takes pride in being active in the community where he lives and is the boy's commissioner and coach for the Downingtown AAU Basketball Program and a PIAA State Basketball Official.

**Officer Asa Ott** served six years in the Army National Guard flying unmanned aircraft. He spent a year in Afghanistan as a contractor flying unmanned aircraft supporting the military. He graduated from California University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor's degree and graduated from the Montgomery County Community College Municipal Police Academy in 2019.

**Officer Rubia Lloyd** was born in Brazil and spent much of her youth living there, along with several years of Elementary School in the U.S. She earned a Bachelor's degree from CESUMAR, a private University in Brazil, before moving back to the U.S. She worked as Personal Trainer, Fitness instructor and once she obtained citizenship, she entered the Law Enforcement field like she had always dreamed. Rubia worked for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department for one year before joining Whitpain Township Police. Rubia speaks four languages - English, Portuguese, Spanish and Italian.

We are proud to welcome these new officers to our township and community and look forward to the contributions they will add to our dedicated police department. Congratulations to Lt. Fenerty and all three officers on the unique journey you each took to accomplish these goals.



### Retirement:

On August 19th, 2019 Sergeant Jay Pratt's 31 plus years as a Police Officer came to an end. Sergeant Pratt has been an extremely valuable asset to not only the Department but the residents of Whitpain Township. Sgt. Pratt was a member of the patrol division for many years and supervised numerous squads. Most recently Sgt. Pratt was supervising the entire patrol division. We will miss Sgt. Pratt terribly and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Cheers Jay!



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## Medication Return Box

Do not leave unused or expired medications around the house for children or pets to get into. Whitpain Township Police Department has a permanent Med-Return Drug Collection Unit. This is a secure box that has been installed in the police department lobby. This box will allow anyone to dispose of unwanted drugs at their convenience. There are certain restrictions as to what can be placed in the return box, so please look over this list and then get rid of your unwanted drugs.



### ITEMS ACCEPTED IN THE MED RETURN BOX

Prescription Medications  
Prescription Patches  
Prescription Ointments  
Over the Counter Medications  
Vitamins  
Medications for Pets

### ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED IN THE MED RETURN BOX

NO Needles  
Hydrogen Peroxide  
Inhalers  
Aerosol Cans  
Medications from businesses or clinics  
Ointments, Lotions or Liquids  
Thermometers

## Lock for Life Program

Don't lock the good guys out when moments matter! This program is an excellent and free way to help us help you in a time of distress when every second is crucial. Often times when Police or EMS respond to a residence, there is no way into the home if the doors are locked and the homeowner is unable to get to the door. Sometimes this results in emergency responders having to force their way into the home, causing property damage but more importantly losing valuable minutes when life saving efforts are needed. The Lock for Life Program is the solution!

### How it works:

- A Key to your residence will be stored in a metal storage device, similar to a Realtor's Lock Box.
- The box will be secured near the entrance to your residence.
- The access code will *only* be available to emergency personnel, and *only* during an emergency, if they cannot gain entry to your home without using force.

### Who is eligible?

- All Whitpain Township residents, age 55 and older, or younger disabled persons, who live alone and/or have major medical issues. *Note: Exceptions to these requirements will be considered on a case by case basis. Please apply if you feel you would benefit from this program.*

### How do I know this is safe?

- An officer in full uniform will install and demonstrate how the lock operates and will answer any questions you may have. **Simply complete the application on our website to get started! There is no charge for this service. All you need to provide is a spare key for the lockbox.**

[www.Whitpaintownship.net](http://www.Whitpaintownship.net)

## In partnership with Rita's Italian Ice

In an effort to find other ways to continue to interact with our community in a positive manner, Whitpain Township Police Department has partnered with Rita's Italian Ice located at 1188 DeKalb Pike in Blue Bell to distribute coupons good for a free Kids Italian Ice. Officers on patrol will be on the look out for children wearing their bike helmets or doing a good deed such as opening a door or helping others. Or if you're out with your children you can simply flag down an Officer to say hello and have a conversation. So tell the kids to be on their best behavior and be on the lookout for our Officers!



## 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.
- Donations to Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center.
- 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 free paper shredder event for residents.



**Thank You for your continued support!**  
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