

Lower Saucon Township

-Established in 1743-



Saucon Creek

From Your Council

As we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic which has affected the lives of every one of us, Lower Saucon Township has been here to serve our residents. Although the township building remains closed to the public, Lower Saucon Township employees have been at their desks and ready to serve. Public Works continued to maintain and plow our roads and handle any emergencies that occurred. Our Police Department did not miss a single shift of coverage. Parks have been opened and are available for use. We partnered with the Chamber of Commerce to provide contacts for assistance for those in need or affected by the pandemic. Through our social media outlets, updates were provided to the community as changes occurred.

In addition, Council held meetings via Zoom and encouraged continued public participation. In light of what we were all experiencing, we held tight on our fiscal spending and were able to reduce your local tax by 1 mill. We appreciate your patience as we have adjusted Township operations and schedules and encourage you to check our website – www.lowersaucontownship.org for updated news and announcements.

Stay safe!
Sandra Yerger, Council President

Hellertown Borough Pool Information

The Borough of Hellertown has announced that the pool will be opening on June 12th and remain open until August 22nd. Hours will be from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (weather permitting). All CDC guidelines pertaining to COVID-19 will be observed. Fees for the 2021 Season are listed on the Borough of Hellertown website. Questions regarding the Borough pool can be answered at 610-838-7041 by checking on their website: www.hellertownborough.org

Resident: A person who maintains his/her primary, permanent residence within the corporate limits of the Borough of Hellertown or Lower Saucon Township. Please note ALL persons purchasing a pool pass must show an acceptable proof of residency, including children. Acceptable Proof of Residency can be a current Tax bill with your address; an approved Hellertown/Lower Saucon Moving Permit; a Pennsylvania Photo ID Card; or a School Issued ID Card.

Non-Resident: A person who maintains his/her primary, permanent residence outside the corporate limits of the Borough of Hellertown or Lower Saucon Township.

If facts are misrepresented ALL tickets are voided.



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Lower Saucon Police Department News

BODY CAMERA DEPLOYMENT

On Saturday January 30, 2021, Lower Saucon Township Police Officers began wearing Body Worn Cameras while on duty. Lower Saucon Township Police Department patrol vehicles have been equipped with in-car camera systems for over a decade.

The LST Police Department is committed to a partnership with the community and deploying body-worn cameras is another way to increase transparency and continue to build trust. The entire department has received the appropriate training on the body-worn cameras and associated policy.

All this was made possible by a \$22,000.00 grant from the Federal Bureau of Justice, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Justice, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The total cost of the body-camera project was \$44,007.00.



New Look - Lower Saucon Township Police Officers Unveil New Uniforms



Lower Saucon Township Police Officers have a new look as of Monday, April 5th. The new uniforms consist of a dark navy shirt and pants with a maroon stripe on the pants. The existing shoulder patch has been outlined with the same maroon to compliment the entire uniform.

The change came about after the previous gray uniform worn by the department, for as long as can be remembered by both current and retired officers, was discontinued by the manufacturer. When this occurred, Township Manager Leslie Huhn and Chief of Police Thomas Barndt made the decision it was time for a change. The uniform design was presented to Township Council who approved the budgeted purchase.

The new, lighter weight uniforms were well received by the Officers who are proudly wearing them as they serve the community.

Compost Center News

The SAUCON VALLEY COMPOST CENTER, located at 2011 Springtown Hill Road, Lower Saucon Township, is officially open for the 2021 season.

The Center will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Friday and Saturday until Saturday, November 20th.

The Center is closed Sunday through Thursday during the season.



For your safety and others, please be reminded that loads must be secured when you transport to/from the Saucon Valley Compost Center.

The **PA Vehicle Code Section 4903 "Securing Loads In Vehicles"** states that "No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any highway unless the vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent any of its load from dropping, sifting, leaking or otherwise escaping".

1. The vehicle must have four solid sides with a cover or top to prevent any of the load from escaping.
2. The cover or top shall remain tightly in place while going to the disposal site.
3. The load shall be no higher than the solid sides of the vehicle.
4. The penalty for a violation of this shall be no less than \$300.00 and no more than \$1,000.00.

For more information, go to our website at:

<http://www.lowersaucontownship.org/svcompostcenter.html>

Lower Saucon Township Real Estate Tax Information

As a property owner in Lower Saucon Township, you will receive three (3) real estate tax bills per year. They are:

- Lower Saucon Township Real Estate Taxes –**
5.14 mills (.00514) - (4.39 General & .75 Fire Appropriation)
- Northampton County Real Estate Taxes –**
11.8 mills (.0118)
- Saucon Valley School District Real Estate Taxes –**
53.43 mills (.05343)

Lower Saucon Township Tax bills were sent out in early February. If a mortgage company pays your taxes, it is the *property owner's responsibility* to send the tax bill to your mortgage company.

Billing Date: February 1, 2021

Discount – 2% Due: April 5, 2021

Base Due: June 7, 2021

Penalty – 10% After: June 7, 2021

Please note due dates if you are opting to pay by installments.

Due to COVID-19, Fulton Bank is not able to provide receipts. If you would like a receipt please provide a self addressed, stamped envelope with your payment and drop it in our drop box 24/7. We will be happy to prepare your receipt and mail it back to you.

2021 Sweeper Schedule

Please be advised that the our Public Works Department began the annual spring cleanup of streets from winter snow removal operations in April. The sweeping process usually takes about 2 months to complete.

The sweeping order is based on areas within the Township and are rotated annually to insure equality for all of the residents of the Township:

1. Bingen (South of Friedensville Road/Black River Road and West of Leithsville Road Rte. 412)
2. Seidersville Area (West of Mountain Drive and North of Black River Road)
3. Steel City Area (North of Easton Road to Steel City)
4. Apple Street Area (North of Wassergass Road to Easton Road)
5. Wassergass Area (North of Polk Valley Road to Wassergass Road)
6. Leithsville Area (East of Leithsville Road Rte. 412 and South of Polk Valley Road)

Progress will be updated weekly on our road list located on the township website at: <http://www.lowersaucontownship.org/pworksroad.html>

Spring Ahead with Zoning/Building as May is Deck Safety Month

As we approach spring many families are spending more time together, and will be looking to get outdoors and make use of their space.

With more than 60 million decks in the U.S., it is estimated that 30 million decks are past their useful life and need to be replaced or repaired. It is crucial for homeowners to have their decks inspected to verify the integrity of their deck to ensure user safety as well as help extend the deck's life-span, improve appearance, and increase livability.

Visit NADRA.org to take advantage of resources to Check Your Deck®. Homeowners can download the 10-Point Deck Safety Consumer Checklist, a step-by-step guide to visually inspecting the deck for safety concerns such as corroding fasteners, decaying materials, loose railings, inadequate lighting, and more. *Though not a replacement for a professional deck inspection, the checklist is a helpful tool to assist homeowners.*



For your safety, the Zoning Department would like to remind Residents that all construction, additions, placement of prebuilt structures (sheds, hot tubs, swimming pools, etc.), paving, patios, fences, and decks require that a permit be obtained **before** any work can be started. This includes inflatable swimming pools deeper than 24".

Pennsylvania State law requires the Township to adhere to the Uniform Construction Code (UCC), better known as the "Building Code". The UCC allows a municipality up to 15 working days to review a permit application for residential properties and either grant or reject the permit from the time a completed application is submitted to the municipality.

A completed application includes an application form, a site plan for the entire lot showing all existing and proposed improvements on the lot (including driveways, buildings, patios, decks, and sidewalks) with all dimensions and distances to property lines and the amount of impervious coverage; proof of workers compensation certificate or waiver, a copy of all the approved documentation related to the proposed improvements from one of our 3rd party inspection agencies; and, any other permits that may be required for the proposed construction (i.e. grading permits, carbonate geology review, etc.). Lower Saucon Township strives to process the permits as quickly as possible.

No work can be started until you have an approved permit in hand and a placard placed in a location that can be seen from the street.

New! Trap Neuter Return Program for Feral Cats

What is Trap Neuter Return (TNR)?

Lower Saucon Township has implemented a TNR program to help control breeding of free roaming feral cat populations within the Township. We have partnered with No Nonsense Neutering (NNN) in Allentown, who will neuter the cats, vaccinate them for rabies and return them to the resident. Cats are not dumped back into the wild and residents are responsible to work with NNN to bring them in. The Township will assume the cost of neutering once a resident has obtained a voucher that is taken along with the cat to NNN.



TNR is a long-term cat management program, cats are fixed, vaccinated and their left ear is tipped to identify that they have been fixed. Loaner traps are available at all NNN clinics. Check out the Community Cats page on their website for more information at www.nnnlv.org

To obtain a feral cat spay/neuter voucher from the Lower Saucon Township:

1. Residents must apply at Lower Saucon Township for a NNN Feral Cat spay/neuter voucher (5-voucher limit at a time) and a driver's license is required. The voucher includes one Feral cat spay/neuter surgery, rabies & distemper vaccine, nail trim, ear cleaning, fluids, pain medicine, flea, ear mite and worming treatment. Left ear will be tipped as it is a requirement for outside roaming cats.
2. Residents must set-up appointment(s) by calling 866-820-2510 ext. # 2 (in Allentown) or schedule online at www.nnnlv.org/spay-neuter/schedule-an-appointment/
3. Vouchers are not transferrable and can only be used by the person in whose name it is issued. ID will be required at NNN at check-in.
4. Residents must contact Lower Saucon Township (610-865-3291) with appointment date of spaying/neutering.
5. Unused vouchers must be returned to Lower Saucon Township before the expiration date listed on the voucher.



Meet Our Local Representatives

State Representative Milou Mackenzie 131st Legislative District



I am excited to announce that my main district office in Emmaus and my satellite office in Red Hill are officially open to the public! My staff and I continue to be available to you and your families for any of your state-related needs. Please note that due to the ongoing pandemic, masks will need to be worn upon entering our offices.

Our office contact information is as follows:

Main Office (Emmaus):

Address: 1245 D Chestnut St., Emmaus, PA 18049

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Phone: 610-965-5830

Fax: 610-966-7309

Satellite Office (Red Hill):

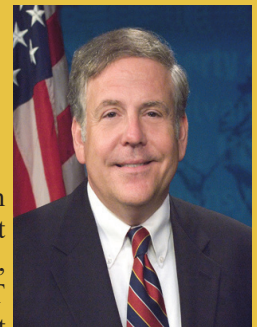
Address: Red Hill Borough Building, 56 West Fourth St., Red Hill, PA 18076

Hours: By Appointment Only

Phone: 215-679-3152

Fax: 215-679-3155

State Representative Robert Freeman 136th District Northampton County



Rep. Freeman's office can assist with state agencies, property tax/rent rebate applications for those eligible, birth certificate applications, PennDOT matters, and state related issues of interest or concern.

Easton Office

215 Northampton Street

Easton, PA 18042

610-253-5543

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Capitol Office

207 K. Leroy Irvis Office Bldg.

P.O. Box 202136

Harrisburg, PA 17120-2136

717-783-3815

Email: RepFreeman@pahouse.net

Monthly office hours at Hellertown Borough Hall
(first Thursday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

Adopt-A-Road Thanks

We are happy to announce that as of March 2021, all Township roads have been adopted! Our Adopt-A-Road program began in the Spring of 2010 with many organizations and/or families adopting Township roads and conducting litter pick-ups along these roads twice a year.

The program established partnerships between Saucon Valley volunteers and the Township to help control litter along Township roads and maintain a clean environment.

Thank you to all of the organizations and/or families who are currently participating in our Adopt-A-Road program:

Basara Family
Bethlehem Landfill
Birkel and Palik Families
Cheyenne Reiman, Realtor
Doug McAllister
Environmental Advisory Council
Hellertown Lower Saucon Little League
Hellertown Post Office
Hill Law Offices, P.C.
Muschlitz—Cole Family
Kathy Pichel McGovern
Lichak Family
Lisa Basara
Lower Saucon Township Historical Society
Lower Saucon UCC
Pagoda Family
Petak Family
Repash Family
Riegel Family
Saucon Community Bible Fellowship Church
Saucon Creek Watershed Association
Saucon Valley Wrestling
Saucon Valley Youth Sports Football/Cheerleading
Williams Church Road Walkers
Zimpfer Family

The Township is responsible for the collection and disposal of trash bags along the road. In recognition of these volunteers efforts, the Township has erected permanent signs along the roadway with the organization or individuals name. All supplies and signs are paid for by Bethlehem Landfill.

Memorial Bench Program

Donating a memorial bench is a great way to honor or remember a loved one. Benches can be placed at one of 5 locations in Lower Saucon Township (Parks at Polk Valley, Steel City, Southeastern, and Town Hall and Woodland Hills Preserve). For information call 610-865-3291 or email receptionist@lowersaucontownship.org.

Hellertown – Lower Saucon Chamber Events

Congratulations!

Yianni's Taverna
 hosted a well received
 grand reopening and
 ribbon-cutting ceremony
 with the Hellertown-
 Lower Saucon Chamber
 in February



The Hellertown-Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce presents...

HONORS & HORS D'OEUVRES

Tuesday, May 25th | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM | Morris J. Dimmick Park Pavilion

Come celebrate with us as we present the following awards and honor our recipients:

Champion Non-Profit Award: Saucon Valley Community Center
Community Lifestyle Award: The Team at Heintzelman Funeral Home
Community Partner Award: Dewey Fire Company & EMS, Lower Saucon Fire Rescue, & Steel City Volunteer Fire Co.
Good Samaritan Award: Westley Morris, Saucon Valley Massage Therapy
Small Business Leadership Award: Black River Farms

Cost: \$35/PP | \$60 Couple Rate | Cash Bar & Raffles Available

RVSP: Email LaurenB@lehighvalleychamber.org



The Hellertown - Lower Saucon Chamber & Steel Club present:

MUSIC IN DIMMICK PARK

2021 SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

JUNE - AUGUST, 2021

JUNE 6: SOUTH PENN DIXIE
 FOOD PROVIDED BY BODEGA BISTRO, RITA'S ITALIAN ICE, & SMOKEHOUSE FOOD TRUCK | ADULT BEVERAGES PROVIDED BY BLACK RIVER FARMS & LOST TAVERN BREWING

JULY 11: CRAIG THATCHER & NYKE VAN WYK
 FOOD PROVIDED BY CONE APPETIT, RITA'S ITALIAN ICE, & VAN FELT HOT DOG CO. | ADULT BEVERAGES PROVIDED BY LOST TAVERN BREWING & SLEEPY CAT URBAN WINERY

JULY 18: THE LARGE FLOWERHEADS
 FOOD PROVIDED BY BAD MOTHERSHUCKERS, RITA'S ITALIAN ICE, & TAKE-A-TACO | ADULT BEVERAGES PROVIDED BY LOST TAVERN BREWING & SLEEPY CAT URBAN WINERY

AUGUST 15: SOCIAL CALL
 FOOD PROVIDED BY PANCHO'S MEXICAN FOOD TRUCK, RITA'S ITALIAN ICE & THE WOW WAGON | ADULT BEVERAGES PROVIDED BY BLACK RIVER FARMS & LOST TAVERN BREWING

**LIVE MUSIC 6-8 PM
 FOOD TRUCKS
 & ADULT BEVERAGES**

FOLLOW @HLSCHAMBER ON FACEBOOK FOR FULL UPDATES



History Through Photography Contest

Attention amateur photographers!
Applicants of all ages can submit up to five different color photos they have taken of historic buildings in the Saucon Valley area. Entries due by September 1, 2021.
(Lower Saucon Township and Hellertown).

Prizes:
First place receives \$350

Second Place & Third Place, receive \$100 each.

Honorable mention receives \$25 each.

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners will be exhibited on our website, newsletter and social media.

Contact Lower Saucon Township Historical Society for more information. See rules and regulations LSTHS website: lshistorical@gmail.com



**Lower Saucon Township Historical Society
Online Gift Shop to benefit the Lutz-Franklin
Schoolhouse Museum.**

**Shop locally for books, toys, cards, t-shirts and
more! Visit our [Online Shop](#)
*Items will be mailed to your address.**



Our next maintenance project for the Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse will be to fix the wooden shutters.

It currently takes superhuman strength to open and shut them.

Funds from our online sales and membership dues will subsidize this project.

Direct link to store: www.lutzfranklin.org

Hello from Saucon Valley Community Center! Since we reopened on July 20, 2020, we have been very busy rebuilding our child care program. Our Before and After school Age program was moved here to the main center and they ride the bus to and back from the Center every day.

All children 3 years and older plus staff wear masks all day, practice distancing and wash our hands.....A LOT! The Center has not had to close due to any Covid cases – we are all healthy, happy, learning and growing.

Our Seniors here at the Center and at Lower Saucon have not yet returned, but we all hope we can see them soon. Stay safe, Seniors!

The SVCC Lower Saucon Summer Parks Program is back! The Summer Recreation Program for Lower Saucon Township will be open to children who completed K-6 and **LIVE IN LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP**. There are only so many spots available, so sign up now. Call Roberta at 610-838-0722 to register for the program.

We continue to enroll toddlers, preschool and prekindergarten children in addition to before and after school age. The Center is looking for a part time teacher, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., perfect for someone who has children in school and would like to work a few hours a day.

Check out our Facebook page and our Website. Miss Angie R. has been busy making the Community Center more visible and more connected to the community. One example was recruiting volunteers to shovel out folks who could not do it for themselves. We had very positive feedback and several volunteers.

Lastly, SVCC is proud to share that the Lehigh Valley Chamber has nominated the Center and staff for "The Champion Non-Profit Organization" award to be presented at their Honors and Hors D oeuvres ceremony on May 25th at Dimmick Park from 5:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. SVCC staff have worked very hard to keep our program running and encouraging happy, healthy learning.

Thanks for all your support,

*Roberta Blackwell
Executive Director*



Spring at the Hellertown Area Library!

There are some great things happening at the Hellertown Area Library this spring and summer!

The Hellertown Area Library is open for indoor browsing, story times and events following strict COVID-19 guidelines. Pre-registration is required for all activities and space is limited. Masks must be worn while in the building and social distancing is enforced. We also offer curbside pickup and online activities.

It's Sweetheart time! Our "Be A Sweetheart Annual Fund" campaign is off and running. Make us your sweetheart by sponsoring a book, a movie, or an audiobook. We are also looking for individuals and businesses to donate or sponsor summer reading prizes for our young readers.

Be sure to check out our Youth, Teen, and Family Programs. We have weekly story times for young children of all ages, as well as evening story times for families. Our teen group is very active with meetings each month. Be sure to look for Lego Challenges, pre-school math and literacy programs, science kits and a special craft of the month to pick up and take home. Pick up our monthly Children and Youth Event Calendar or check our website for the schedule <https://www.hellertownlibrary.org/>

Join us each month for Adult Craft Night. We feature a new craft at each meeting and meet the last Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. for a craft and conversation.

Planning for our "Tails and Tales" themed summer reading program is underway! This summer will feature reading rewards, themed story times, STEM programs, and all kinds of outdoor fun!

Join us for "The Eyes of the Wild" live animal show on June 24th in the library field! This entertaining and educational show will feature a variety of animals — some familiar and a few you may have never heard of before!

Drop by Mondays between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. to meet Toby! Toby is a therapy dog who is as sweet as he is big. A Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, he loves new friends and pets so stop in and say hi!

SAVE THE DATE! for HAL Flight Night at Black River Farms on June 16th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.! A fun night of outdoor tasting that supports the library is just what you need after a long winter! We are looking for sponsors for all areas of the event.

For information or questions on any of our programs or to volunteer to help please check our website at <http://hellertownlibrary.org/> or call us at 610-838-8381. Follow us on social media too!

<https://www.facebook.com/HellertownAreaLibrary/>
<https://www.instagram.com/hellertownarealibrary/>

Saucon Valley Conservancy News

The Saucon Valley Conservancy (SVC), a non-profit local organization that is the steward of the Heller Homestead on Friedensville Road, is seeking support from the community. The SVC has been hit hard by COVID-19, as our major fundraiser, the Saucon Creek Arts Festival, is in its second year of cancellation. We are ready, however, to resume meetings and other activities, and would love your participation as a volunteer or board member. We are seeking help with website management, social media & public relations, event planning, planting and caring for the 4-Square garden, fundraising, and preserving the grounds and buildings of the Homestead. We welcome fresh faces and new ideas to educate the public on local agricultural history and life as families lived in the 19th century.

Visit our website at www.sauconvalleyconservancy.org to volunteer or make a donation. Email us at info@sauconvalleyconservancy.org to tell us how you'd like to be involved. We can't wait to welcome you!



Our Docents pictured give tours of the 4-Square Garden at the Heller Homestead.

DEWEY FIRE COMPANY NO 1

The Dewey Fire Company No. 1 will be holding their annual Carnival this July 13-17, 2021. We will be returning with Good Time Amusements to provide a fun filled week as in the past. We are continuing with themed nights including:

Tuesday July 13th – Emergency Services Night

Wednesday July 14th – Car Show Night

Thursday July 15th – Rain Date for Car Show

Friday July 16th – FIREWORKS!!

Saturday July 17th – Fireworks Rain Date

ALL NEW!! Motorcycle (Bike) Night – Sponsored by B.A.C.K. (Bikers Against Cop Killers)

As the Carnival Committee is still actively working on items, we have NEW changes for this year! As we finalize details we will release through our Social Media. Renovations are completed at our building and we hope you stop by to see them. Please help support us by attending and follow us online at www.deweyfireco.org.

Lower Saucon Township

3700 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bethlehem, PA 18015
610-865-3291

Administration hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Public Works hours: 6:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

www.lowersaucontownship.org

www.facebook.com/lowersaucon/



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Lower Saucon Township Officials

Sandra Yerger	Council President
Jason Banonis	Council Vice President
Priscilla deLeon	Council Member
Thomas Carocci	Council Member
Kristen Stauffer	Council Member
Lou Mahlman	Controller
Leslie Huhn	Township Manager
Thomas H. Barndt	Police Chief

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency	Dial 9-1-1
Non-Emergency	610-759-2200
Police Department	610-317-6110
Administrative Offices	610-865-3291
Water/Sewer Authority	610-317-3212

Zoom Meeting Schedule

Council

1st and 3rd Wednesdays—6:30 p.m.

May/Sept/Oct/Dec

3rd Wednesdays—6:30 p.m.

June/July/Aug/Nov

Parks & Recreation Board

1st Monday – 6:30 p.m.

Environmental Advisory Council

2nd Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

4th Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board

4th Monday – 7:00 p.m.

Lower Saucon Authority

3rd Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.

Office Closed

May 18/May 31/July 5/Sept 6

K-9 News



Join us in celebrating the retirement of Lower Saucon Police K-9 “ATOS” who has been with the department since 2013. Atos was imported from France and was certified through the National Police Canine Association along with his handler, Officer Steve Kunigus.

Atos assisted with several large seizures of narcotics in Lower Saucon and surrounding communities. Atos also took part in many K-9 demonstrations and community outreach activities during his career and will now enjoy retirement with his handler, Officer Steve Kunigus and his family.

As we celebrate the retirement of K-9 Atos, we are officially welcoming our newest Police K-9, “TITUS” to the department. Thanks to an anonymous Township donor who we are very grateful for, K-9 Titus will be the fourth canine to join the department since the inception of the canine program in 2000.

Titus is a 2 year-old Belgian Malinois and was imported from Holland, where he received his initial training. Titus then attended the Progressive K-9 Academy along with his handler, Officer Steve Kunigus. At the completion of the K-9 Academy Titus received his certifications through the National Police Canine Association.

Titus has already been on several successful deployments in his short time here and we are excited for his future within the department and wish him a safe, successful career.

