

Spring Garden Township Potential Police Department Merger

What a merged department could look like



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The Spring Garden Township Board of Commissioners will be hosting 2 public meetings to discuss the potential merger.

**September 16, 2024 @
6:30 PM**

Victory Fire Company
421 Wheaton St, York, PA 17403

**September 18, 2024 @
6:30 PM**

Indian Rock Elementary School
1500 Indian Rock Dam Rd, York, PA
17403

- 80 Sworn Police Officers
- Covering a geographical area of approximately 81 square miles.
- 84,000 residents
- The Police Department would likely be divided into 3 divisions: Patrol, Administration & Professional Standards.
- Depending on final costs, the cost to the SGT may be less and more efficient than operating a single municipal department.

The Spring Garden Township Police Department Building will continue to be utilized, and citizens can still access officers and staff as they currently do.

Merger Consideration Highlights

- Spring Garden Township is considering merging police services with the York County Regional Police Department (YCRPD).
- The Township received a study completed by the PA Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED).
- The DCED study reported that merging with another police department would allow SGTPD to consolidate from 20 to 16 police officers by eliminating an unnecessary duplication of positions.
- All current police officers working for SGTPD will retain their employment with YCRPD.
- Both agencies are accredited through the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.



Possible Benefits

- **Increased Manpower** – increased patrol officers, criminal investigators, and supervisors to assist with calls, crashes, criminal investigations and major incidents
- **Additional Equipment and Resources** – access to a Mobile Command Unit, Emergency Services Unit, ATV/Side-by-side, Drone, Specialized Forensic Software, and Polygraph Machine & Examiners
- **Traffic Safety Unit** – a dedicated group of officers designated to handle crashes, traffic complaints and parking issues
- **Increased Community Services & Programs** – full-time Mental Health Co-responder, National Night Out, Shop with a Cop
- **School Resource Officer (SRO)** – opportunities for officers to be assigned as SRO's and provide a position within the York Suburban School District
- **Quick Response Team (SWAT)**
- **K-9's** – K-9's trained in search and rescue, drug detection, and electronics detection



Resident Input

The Board of Commissioners of Spring Garden Township Wants to Hear from Residents. What is Important to You!

- **Possible Cost Savings** - It is possible, depending on the varying needs of police protection, that cost savings may be achieved
- **Continued Local Control** - To what degree is local control of your police force important to you?
- **Community Policing?** – Is it important to retain “local expertise” among the Officers that service Spring Garden TWP?
- **Is the timing right?** – Mergers have been considered in the past and it was determined the time was not right. Is this the right opportunity at the right time?

About YCRPD

The York County Regional Police Department was formed in 2022 through the merger of the York Area Regional Police Department and the Northeastern Regional Police Department. The York County Regional Police Department covers a geographical area of over 74 square miles and offers quality services to nearly 70,000 residents in nine municipalities. We are currently staffed with 62 sworn officers.

