



Jenkintown Police Benevolent Association

Jenkintown, Pennsylvania




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At its membership meeting this month, the members of the Jenkintown Police Benevolent Association officially voted unanimously "No Confidence" in the leadership ability and performance of Thomas Scott in his role of Police Chief in Jenkintown Borough.

The Association feels that Chief Scott has engaged in a course of action designed to intentionally undermine the morale and work environment of the department, and to jeopardize the safety of the officers who work in it. Chief Scott has publicly claimed responsibility for initiating conversation to dismantle the Jenkintown Police Department and then additionally initiated steps to do so. Chief Scott has consistently gone against the guidelines spelled out in the agreed upon CBA between the Borough and the PBA causing unnecessary grievances and labor costs. He has failed to find part time officers to fill gaps in the schedule causing unnecessary overtime and financial burden on the Borough, and scheduling issues with the officers. He actively decided not to pursue accreditation, which is a status the JPD has held for 19 years. In one of his worst and most recent offenses, Chief Scott has also decided to change the minimum officer requirement, which now means officers will be patrolling alone, creating an egregious officer safety issue which should not be taken lightly or be permitted.

Much to our disappointment, Chief Scott has earned, and seemingly actively worked towards, the lack of trust his officers have in him and the hostile work environment he has created. He has demonstrated a complete lack of care and consideration for his officers and repeatedly shown a lack of action in bringing about positive change for the Department. Additionally, he has made disparaging remarks about officers and brought into question officers ethics and integrity to members of the Jenkintown community.

Votes of No Confidence are never easy and are not taken lightly. However, the members of our Association felt that doing so was necessary at this time. It is our hope that the Borough will finally take notice of the strife caused by Chief Scott's unnecessary actions, and act accordingly.

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