

Mayor of Souderton Dan Yocum Mayor's Memo!

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We are fortunate to live in Souderton, where our police force is dedicated to Community-Oriented Policing. Our police officers and staff work every day to improve the health and safety of our community. They do their jobs not for any kind of recognition or acknowledgement, but to ensure that Souderton Borough is a safe place to live, work, and play. In a town with a small (but mighty!) police department, I'd like you to know a bit about our officers in the event you should ever need them. This edition of The Mayor's Memo will highlight the men and women of the Souderton Borough Police Department. Please join me in thanking each of them for their brave & dedicated service to Souderton!

Brian Newhall, Chief of Police

I have 23 years in law enforcement and I've been here in Souderton for 18 months. I spent 20 years with the Upper Moreland PD where I was also the Emergency Management Coordinator, and 2 years as Chief of Police in Valley Township. I've been a firefighter for 33 years and an emergency medical technician for 27. I'm a former 911 dispatcher and career firefighter. I have a master's degree and will be finishing the course work for my doctorate in February of 2023. I'm not married and don't have children, but I have managed to keep three house plants alive for a long time. I enjoy anything in or near the water including boating and scuba diving. I also love football. I'm very grateful to be here and count myself as lucky to be able to work in and for Souderton.



Dianna Fields, Administrative Assistant

Working for the Souderton Police Department for the past 12 years has meant a lot to me, since I also live in the Borough of Souderton. I am the person the public meets first. Every day is something different and I like that. Over the years, I have gained a lot of experience dealing with those in need. The job isn't about all the crime and bad things that happen. Those things happen everywhere. I know that I make a difference in someone else's life. I have gained a lot of patience calming those in crisis, even sometimes providing a safe haven for others. When you factor in the Law Enforcement Professionals I work with every day, this is the best job ever!

Joseph Rudner, Detective

I have been employed by Souderton Borough Police Department since 2004, starting as a Part-Time Police Officer, then as a Full-Time Officer, and became Detective for the Department in May of 2011. Prior to Souderton, I worked at Abington Police Department as a patrol officer and D.A.R.E. officer from March 1983 to September 2002. I have been married to my wife Ginny for 40 years and have 4 sons; Thomas, Michael, and twins Aidin and Gabriel



Gregory Meinhardt, Officer

I have been serving Souderton Borough for seven years and am a graduate of Souderton High School, class of 2006. I attended the Indian Valley Nursery School at the Grace Bible Church, so I've been running around these streets for a long time and call this town my home. Along with serving Souderton Borough, I was in the Marine Corps for five years and I am a proud Veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom. My favorite things to do are golf, hike, and cook on my smoker and grill.



Thomas Lawson, Officer

Throughout my 29 year career at Souderton Police Department I have made it a point to gain as much knowledge as I can to navigate my chosen profession and to serve my community to the best of my abilities. To that end, I earned a Master's Degree and use those experiences for personal and professional growth. I have enjoyed serving our residents and I hope to continue for a few more years. The people of Souderton have created an idyllic community for themselves and have allowed me to also call the borough home. For that I am grateful.

Several years ago I came across a quote that sums up my philosophy of service to our community: *"Do all that you can, with what you have, in the time that you have, in the place you are."* (Nkosi)

Megan Jarrell, Officer

I started my police career in Philadelphia and having grown up in the Souderton/Telford area, the past 2 years with the Souderton Police Department have been so nice working in my hometown!

Fun Fact: I serve part-time in the Air National Guard. I'm not sure if that counts as "fun". If not, I guess I'll just tell the world that I'm not married and I don't have kids. Just over here with 3 cats, a fish and a dog. I am also the author of the Souderton Police Blotter posts on our Facebook page (which have been absent due to technical difficulties the past few months. We're working on it!) Thank you Souderton!



Jeff Lukens, Officer

I have been employed by Souderton Police Department since January of 2012. In that time, the highlight of my career was when I performed CPR on a gentleman and saved his life. I also thoroughly enjoy attending community functions. You might see me around town on the patrol bike.

Fun Fact: My nickname is Huey after the cartoon character Baby Huey. Shortly after bringing me home from the hospital, my aunt took one look at me and said "Oh my, he looks like Baby Huey!" My heart and soul is in this community and every day it is a pleasure to serve the people of Souderton.

James Throop, Officer

I joined the Souderton Police Department as a part-time officer in 2002 and became a full-time officer twenty years later in 2022. I am a certified paramedic and volunteer with the Souderton Community Ambulance Association. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my dog and traveling with my family. I call the Souderton area my home and over the years the numerous letters of appreciation and recognition from the Police Department and the community have meant a lot to me.



Jason Saucier, Officer

I am the Borough's newest police officer, having been here just about 6 months. I enjoy interacting with our residents and love our small, tight-knit community. I am a military veteran and spent most of my life working in federal law enforcement. I have been a municipal police officer in Pennsylvania for 3+ years. I have a degree in Computer Forensics from Champlain College. I am also a huge Tom Petty fan and have attended over a dozen concerts across the US and even in Europe.

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