



# Hamburg Township Public Safety Department

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**TO:** Hamburg Township Board

**FROM:** Chief Richard Duffany

**DATE:** December 11, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM TOPIC: Public Safety Awards**

Number of Supporting Documents: N/A

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## **Requested Action**

- I respectfully request an opportunity to publicly present department awards to members of the Public Safety Department at the Township Board meeting on December 16, 2025.

## **Background**

All of the members of the Hamburg Township Public Safety Department perform their duties in an exemplary and professional manner on a daily basis. However, there are certain instances where the exceptional actions of an officer or firefighter should be recognized. I am proud to recognize the following members and present them with the following departmental awards:

1. Sgt. Steve Locke is being awarded a Certificate of Merit for his actions which lead to the identification and arrest of a suspect in a fatal hit & run accident on December 23, 2024.
2. Capt. Michael Steinaway, Lt. Timothy Begnoche, Sgt. Joseph Acuff, Sgt. Scott Flohr, FF Andrew Turner and Officer Spencer Flavin are being awarded Lifesaving Awards for their actions on January 22, 2025 which helped save the life of a 66-year woman who was in cardiac arrest.
3. Capt. Michael Steinaway, Lt. Derrick Hill and FF Rebecca Zettel are being awarded a Unit Citation for their actions on a medical call on April 7, 2025.
4. Officer Kim Leeds is being awarded a Certificate of Merit for her investigation on June 8, 2025 which led to the arrest and conviction of a larceny suspect.
5. Lt. Derrick Hill and FF Daniel Clement are being awarded a Certificate of Merit for their actions on a medical call on July 15, 2025.

I respectfully request an opportunity to publicly present their awards at the Township Board meeting on December 16, 2025 where I will provide further details on each of these incidents.



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In addition, I would like to publicly recognize the following firefighters for their years of service:

5 Year Anniversaries:

- FF Jeremy Nordstrand

10 Year Anniversaries:

- Lt. Derrick Hill
- Sgt. Clint London
- FF Thomas Pawley

15 Year Anniversaries:

- Capt. Casey Yost
- Capt. Sam Vultaggio

**Fiscal Considerations**

Does the agenda item require the expenditure of funds? Yes ☐ No ☒

If YES, are funds budgeted? Yes ☐ No ☐

Fiscal year affected: 2025/2026

Is a budget amendment required? Yes ☐ No ☒

General Ledger numbers affected: \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully,

Chief Richard Duffany  
Director of Public Safety