



# HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Official Press Release

The Haverford Township Police Department condemns the inappropriate and disheartening social media posts made by a vice president of Delaware County FOP lodge #27, which is the bargaining unit for all Delaware County police agencies. One of those posts stated: *"If you choose to speak out against the police or our members, we will do everything in our power to not support your business."*

This statement does not reflect the beliefs of the men and women of the Haverford Township police department and we do not condone any such behavior.

The Haverford Township police department works hard to support the residents and businesses in our community. We have been a part of many community based programs over the years including National Night Out, Race for Peace and Coffee with A Cop, just to name a few. We participate in and support these programs to help foster communication and understanding between the police and local businesses and residents.

Last week, the Haverford Township Board of Commissioners and I released a joint statement expressing our feelings about the death of George Floyd. The police department recently participated in a You Tube video with the Township Manager to explain our approach to civil unrest and our expectations for the future. The men and women of the Haverford Township Police Department understand that everyone is entitled to voice their opinions and it is our duty to protect that right. We will continue to promote transparency and understanding.

Our official sources of communication remain the Haverford Police Department social media pages, the Haverford Township Website and our official press releases. You can rely on these resources for official statements regarding current events and incidents.

I am confident in the men and women of our department; I stand behind their actions and expect them all to rise to the level of professionalism, integrity, dedication and compassion that our community demands.

Professionally yours,  
John F. Viola  
Chief of Police

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