

WORKS

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GTWorks is Mayor David R. Mayer's weekly newsletter that informs residents of the current projects and events happening in Gloucester Township.

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GTPD Takes Active Shooter Response To Another Level

Recent active shooter events have demonstrated that police must not only have the proper weapons but also the proper equipment to respond to such tragic incidents. In an active shooter situation, minutes and even seconds are critical. Security measures designed to protect people can greatly hamper police response if officers are not equipped to quickly defeat these necessary security obstacles. Today, the Gloucester Township Police Department held a press conference to discuss new crisis tactics and demonstrate two new custom equipped F-250 Patrol Support Vehicles. Each vehicle is equipped with a portable hydraulic door breaching tool and other critical equipment. Officers simulated an active shooter event and utilized the hydraulic door breaching tool to gain access to rescue victims and neutralized the attacker. GTPD's commitment to active shooter readiness has been ongoing for decades - which includes GTPD leading active shooter training for new police officers at the Camden County Police Academy and in-service training for officers from throughout the state.

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GTPD has continually evaluated and improved their weapon capability; however, the review of past active shooter incidents found that having proper equipment is crucial to effectively respond to emergency situations. Responding officers must have the ability to quickly make entry to the scene of an active shooter especially when such buildings or rooms are locked or otherwise secured from the inside. These challenges surfaced in numerous past mass killings in the U.S. including the 2006 Amish Schoolhouse in Lancaster County, the 2007 Virginia Tech Campus, the 2013 Washington Navy Yard, and the 2019 Virginia Beach Municipal Complex. During the

so they can defeat locked doors, chained doors, doors equipped with electronic locks, and more. This is why we have deployed the two Patrol Support Vehicles which are each equipped with a portable hydraulic breaching tool, well capable of defeating hardened commercial doors.” In addition to the hydraulic entry tool, these vehicles are also equipped with ladders, additional weapons, a ballistic shield, ballistic blanket, ample supply of preloaded rifle and handgun magazines, night vision equipment, tactical cameras, and stretchers/sleds to assist in removing victims. One of these two vehicles will be on duty 24 hours

equipped with the most advanced tactical sighting systems to help better prepare officers. The Juvenile Unit Huddle Initiative was established in 2011 where GTPD offered services to more than 2,400 youth who had committed an offense, made or expressed a threat, been truant from school, runaway, had a crisis episode, had been exposed to trauma - such as domestic violence, or suffered other adverse childhood experiences. Juvenile Unit Huddles designed to help young people and possibly prevent tragedy. Additionally, for the past two years officers, assigned to Firearms Investigation Unit, now also review information from Juvenile Hud



Virginia Tech Campus shooting, officers spent nearly five minutes trying to break through doors that were chained shut by the shooter while he was killing victims. More recently – at the Virginia Beach Municipal Complex officers were unable to reach upper floors to rescue victims and stop the shooter due to them encountering doors locked and only accessible by electronic key cards. And although many of GTPD’s police vehicles have always been equipped with basic door breaching tools, it was determined that the deployment of more advanced equipment may be necessary to save lives. “In an active shooter situation, minutes and even seconds are critical. Security measures designed to protect people can greatly hamper police response if officers are not equipped to quickly defeat these necessary security obstacles,” said GTPD Chief Earle. “We know that we must make the investment and provide the training for our officers

every day. These vehicles were not purchased and outfitted as a result of the most recent mass killings. The original planning for these vehicles and equipment began in late 2017, were purchased in 2018, and outfitted this year. In addition to the various tools and equipment in the Patrol Support Vehicles the following additional equipment has been deployed or upgraded:

- Every Gloucester Township Police Patrol Unit is equipped with door breaching tools and officers have received advanced active assault response training.
- All Supervisor and School Resource Officer vehicles have been equipped with a Knox Box Key system which enables responding officers to utilize a key to enter every school and nearly every commercial building in Gloucester Township.
- Patrol rifles have been deployed in many of police vehicles for well over fifteen years; and now all of the patrol rifles are being

dle to see if there are any concerns about a person, who is now an adult, seeking to obtain a firearm permit. GTPD believes that this model offers a proactive approach to preventing mass killings. *“The reality of an active shooter event can affect any community, any town; but it’s how we prepare for it is what truly matters. We are here today to not only show you the equipment that we have which is an investment in safety of our residents and our first responders, but to also outline the programs that are designed to prevent the occurrence of such events. We feel that these programs are a model that could be a national model to prevention of such tragedies. We have a crisis in America; it’s an epidemic of killing that we must do something about. And here, in Gloucester Township, we are taking action,”* said Mayor Mayer. If you have any questions, please contact Capt. Anthony Minosse at aminosse@gtpolice.com

CONGRATULATIONS HOLY TOMATO!



Congratulations to Holy Tomato Pies for being voted the “Best Slice of Pizza” in New Jersey, according to msn.com.

Holy Tomato was the 2018 Small Business Winner at the Gloucester Township Business Breakfast. Be sure to check them out in the downtown Blackwood section of our town!

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Gloucester Township Rabies Clinic

On Saturday, October 19, 2019, Gloucester Township will be having our annual Rabies Clinic. The clinic will be held at the Gloucester Township Senior Building adjacent to the Municipal Building on Chews Landing Road between the hours of 9:00 am - 10:30 am for dogs and 10:30 am - 11:00 am for cats. The rabies shots for dogs and cats are FREE!

The Township Clerk's Office will be settling appointments for the clinic October 15-October 17, 8:00 am - 5:30 pm. Please call (856) 228-4000, ext. 3241 between those dates for an appointment.

Saturday Drop-Off Hours at Public Works

The Public Works facility will be open on Saturdays, September 7th through November 23rd, from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm for residential recycling drop off.

This will be for brush, oil, white goods, electronics, metals, concrete, propane tanks, and car batteries. They DO NOT accept paint or trash.



Fabulous 60s
August 19

Don't miss the Fabulous 60s Revival Band this Monday, August 19th, 7:00 pm at Veterans Park. This is the LAST concert in our Sounds of Summer Concert Series. We hope that you enjoyed our 2019 Concert Series and we hope to see you next year!

SEE IT, REPORT IT!



Spotted Lanternfly

What to do:

If you see egg masses, scrape them off, double bag and throw away. You can also place the eggs into alcohol, bleach or hand sanitizer to kill them.

Collect a specimen:

Specimens of any life stage can be turned in to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's lab for verification.

Take a picture:

With your GPS function turned on your smartphone or a camera with GPS, take a photograph of ANY life stage (including egg masses)

Submit picture to: SLF-plantindustry@ag.nj.gov

Report a site:

If you can't take a specimen or photograph, call and leave detailing your sighting and contact information

NJ Spotted Lanternfly Hotline at 1-833-223-2840 (BADBUG0)



LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Local Business Spotlight is a section in GTWorks that highlights local businesses throughout Gloucester Township. Its primary purpose is to promote local small businesses by giving the readers opportunity to get to know more about local eateries and services available to them in our beautiful Gloucester Township!

THE PLACE FOR ALL OF YOUR MOTORCYCLE NEEDS!

Riderz Inc. offers their customers the expertise they deserve in the motorcycle industry. Their commitment is to give riders an excellent value and product every time they walk through the door. Riderz Inc. services and repairs all motorcycles, ATV/UTV and dirt bikes, but also loves creating custom parts. From street bikes, cruisers and touring models to dirt bikes, ATVs, and UTVs their goal is to repair your motorcycle as if it was our own.

Riderz Inc. offers improvements to your motorcycle with performance options and upgrades including: swing arm stretching, nitrous, power commander and more to add horsepower and torque to your motorcycle. They mount high speed balance tires and always have a variety for you to choose from in stock. Chrome, powder coat, paint, airbrush, LED kits, fabrication and stunt bike building services are also available.

Had a crash?? Riderz Inc. works with all major insurance companies to repair your motorcycle back to its original factory specifications. They want to get your motorcycle back on the road!

Riderz is located in the Erial section of our township on Williamstown Erial Road. Be sure to check them out for all of your motorcycle needs!



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Let's Keep In Touch!

As your Mayor, I'm eager to hear from you should you have questions or concerns; so please do not hesitate to call my office at (856) 374-3514 or email me at dmayer@glotwp.com

I'd like to thank you for choosing our beautiful Gloucester Township your residence and for making our community a great place to live, work and play!

Sincerely,



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