

PEQUEA TOWNSHIP

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The Pequea Township Police Department was invited to assist the Washington DC Metropolitan Police Department with the security detail of the 59th Presidential Inauguration, for the 46th President of the United States. The invitation and commitment to this event was made early in 2020, well before the presidential election.

The PTPD led a contingency of approximately 30 officers from various police departments; Chief Michener was the commanding officer of the task force. Departments represented in the task force, along with the PTPD were, West Lampeter Twp. PD, Strasburg Borough PD, Quarryville Borough PD, East Lampeter Twp. PD, Manor Twp. PD, Perryville, Maryland and Tolland, Massachusetts. Officers received extensive background checks and specialty training before the event.

Officers were sworn in as special Deputy US Marshalls. We were assigned to motorcade/parade route security, which involved a physical presence at security barriers along the street and controlling access to the area. The detail concluded today without incident.

Several PTPD Officers remained home, so that police operations within Pequea Twp. weren't impacted. Officers who attended the event are scheduled to be COVID tested upon return to the State. Expenses for the event, to include all salary and travel expenses, will be fully reimbursed.

It was an honor to be selected to assist in such a memorable and important event in American history. Officers learned a lot and met a lot of great people. We thank all agencies who took part and proudly represented Lancaster County, so professionally. We also thank the Metropolitan PD and Secret Service for their hospitality and the Pequea Twp. Board of Supervisors for supporting this venture.

Any questions can be addressed to Chief Michener.

John Michener
Chief of Police