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**Getting Stuff Done to Make Our Communities Safer: Governor
Shapiro, Lt. Governor Davis, and Colonel Paris Highlight the
Administration's Work to Support Law Enforcement and Public Safety
in Visit to Lock Haven Police Department**

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This funding will enable adding almost 1,500 officers statewide, including \$14,000 in PCCD funding for the Lock Haven Police Department to hire additional officers and enhance local safety efforts.

Governor Shapiro has delivered real results in his first two years in office – and the Governor and his entire Administration are laser focused on keeping Pennsylvania communities safe.



Lock Haven, PA – Today, **Governor Josh Shapiro**, **Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis**, and **Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Colonel Christopher Paris** joined local law enforcement leaders and elected officials at the Lock Haven Police Department in Clinton County to highlight the **Shapiro-Davis Administration's** ongoing commitment to strengthening public safety and investing in law enforcement across the Commonwealth.

As **Governor Shapiro** marks two years in office, his Administration continues to deliver real results to make Pennsylvania safer — supporting law enforcement and first responders, investing in local communities, addressing crime and gun violence, and implementing reforms to ensure the safety and well-being of all residents. "Every Pennsylvanian deserves to be safe and feel safe — and our Administration is working to ensure law enforcement has the resources and support they need to protect our families and our communities," said **Governor Shapiro**. "From day one, we have been laser-focused on improving public safety — making historic investments in public safety, standing up for law enforcement, and delivering funding to reduce crime violence across the Commonwealth. That work continues every day, and we will keep showing up and delivering for the good people of Pennsylvania to continue building safer, stronger communities."

"Across Pennsylvania, we're seeing real progress from the investments we've made — with many of our major cities seeing reductions in homicides and gun violence," said **Lieutenant Governor Davis**. "I'm proud of the impactful work being done by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, as well as the dedication of PSP

and local police departments. But we can't let up now — we must stay the course and continue making smart investments to ensure our communities are safer for everyone."

Investments in Public Safety and Law Enforcement

Under **Governor Shapiro's** leadership, the Administration has secured funding to hire over 800 new Pennsylvania State Police troopers and recruit and train nearly 700 municipal law enforcement officers. The Lock Haven Police Department, for example, received \$14,000 from the **Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD)** to hire two additional officers, helping to further strengthen local public safety efforts.

"The partnership between state and local law enforcement is at the heart of our efforts to keep communities safe," said **Colonel Paris**. "Lock Haven's success demonstrates how targeted funding and collaboration can enhance public safety. Governor Shapiro's steadfast support of law enforcement is making a real difference in the lives of Pennsylvanians."

"The funds will be used to reimburse costs associated with Act 120 training for officers joining the Lock Haven Police Department," said **Chief Matthew Rickard, Lock Haven Police Department**. "This funding has opened doors for applicants who previously faced barriers, allowing us to build a fully staffed department and better serve the residents of Lock Haven. We are grateful for this support and investment in our community."

"Clinton County Government is very appreciative of Governor Shapiro and his administration's focus on crime and delinquency, as well as their efforts to help Clinton County — and most recently the City of Lock Haven — secure valuable funding to enhance law enforcement and support the men and women whose careers are a chosen sacrifice to the safety of all," said **Angela Harding, Clinton County Commissioner**.

"Investing in our police department ensures safety for residents, businesses, and visitors alike. These grants are crucial for small cities like ours," said **Lock Haven Mayor Joel Long**. "We're grateful for the continued support of the Commonwealth, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and Governor Shapiro in strengthening local law enforcement."

Tackling Gun Violence and Supporting First Responders

Governor Shapiro has prioritized public safety initiatives to reduce gun violence, equip law enforcement, and support first responders, including:

- **Reducing Gun Violence:** Doubling [funding](#) for the Nonprofit Security Grant Fund, [re-establishing](#) the Pennsylvania Office of Gun Violence Prevention, and [investing](#) \$11.5 million in the Building Opportunity through Out of School Time (BOOST) program to reduce community violence.

- **Expanding Law Enforcement Resources:** [Funding](#) eight Pennsylvania State Police cadet classes to train over 800 new troopers and [filling](#) almost 700 municipal law enforcement positions.
- **Investing in State Police Training:** Construction [underway](#) on a nearly \$400M capital project to modernize the Pennsylvania State Police Academy to meet the evolving needs of law enforcement training.
- **Deploying Body Cameras:** [Expanding](#) the use of body-worn cameras for Pennsylvania State Police across 61 counties to improve transparency and accountability.
- **Supporting First Responders:** [Securing](#) \$31 million in grants for fire companies, EMS, and rescue squads, along with \$20.7 million to increase ambulance mileage reimbursements.
- **Combatting the Opioid Crisis:** [Enacting](#) legislation to restrict access to xylazine, or “tranq,” and seizing almost \$120 million worth of illegal drugs through Pennsylvania State Police operations.

Getting Stuff Done for Pennsylvanians

Governor Shapiro and his Administration remain committed to finding commonsense solutions to the pressing issues we face and delivering real results for all Pennsylvanians. Public safety has been a top priority for this Administration as we work to ensure communities all across the Commonwealth are safer, stronger, and better equipped for the future. Learn more about how the **Shapiro-Davis Administration** is [Investing in Safer Communities For All](#).

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