



**Ephrata Police Department
Chief Candidate Overview
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DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Police services in the Ephrata community have a long and rich history of development, success, and growth. As far back as the 1920's, Ephrata has enjoyed professional policing - with a pioneering Chief - Aaron Ibach.



Throughout the years the department has witnessed changes such as its first patrol car in 1940, first two-way radio in 1943, first walkie-talkies in the 60s, cell phones in the late 80s, and computers in the early 90s.



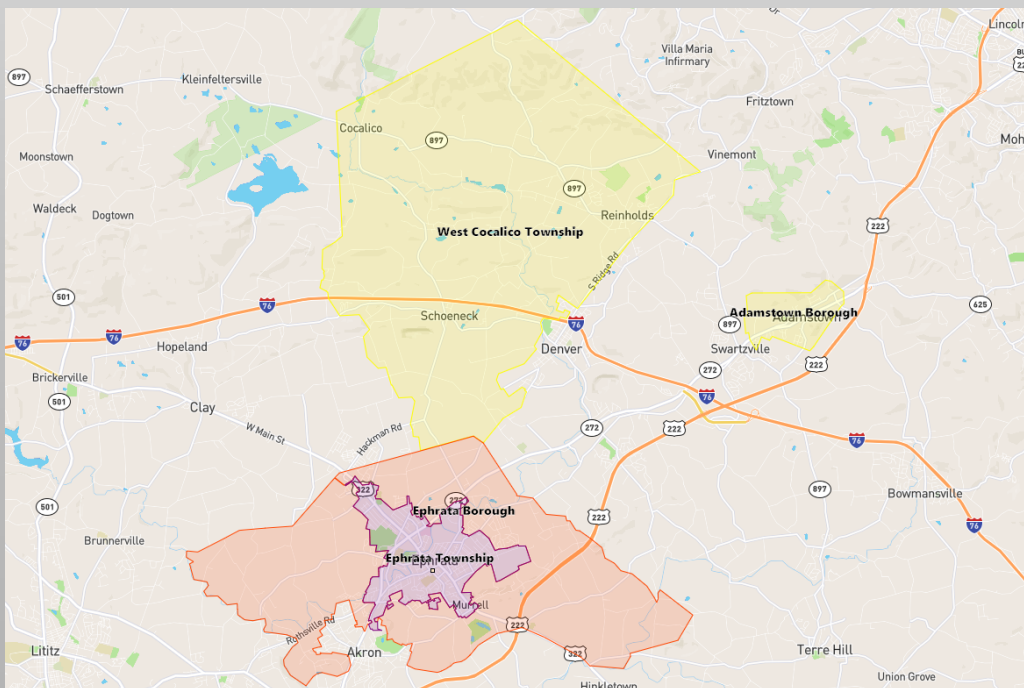
Enter the 21st century-where Police Headquarters relocated to its current address, where police cars have become a roving office environment, and where a major step in community service was taken: contracting police services.

In 2005 the Township of Ephrata began contracting police service from the EPD. The successful model was replicated in 2016 with the addition of West Cocalico Township and Adamstown Borough joining as police customers.

Currently the Ephrata Police Department (EPD) employs 33 sworn officers, four (4) civilian staff, three (3) volunteer community representatives, three (3) volunteer chaplains, 20+ paid part-time fire police, and 17 crossing guards.



Under the authority of the Borough Council, and under the operational control of the mayor, we operate a 24/7 full-service police agency.



STRUCTURE

The EPD is led by a Chief of Police and is comprised of three (3) Budgetary Service Groups; Support Services, Patrol Services, and Community Services.

Support Services and Patrol Services are each led by a lieutenant. The two (2) lieutenants divide responsibilities for the Community Services Group; Community Services Section in Patrol, and Youth Services Section in Support. Patrol teams consist of five (5) police officers and are each led by a sergeant or acting sergeant. The investigations section has four (4) detectives.

