



**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
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**Re: Reminder - Hunting on Township Property is Prohibited.**

Dear Resident/Property Owner,

With hunting season now upon us, the Police Department wants to remind our residents about Township Ordinance 230 - Open Space and Recreation, Sub Section (3) (C) (4) Rules and Regulations, which specifically prohibits hunting and trapping on township property. Furthermore, the ordinance prohibits the use of any handguns, rifles, air rifles, spring guns, bow and arrows etc., on any township property.

There are state laws that govern hunting and the discharge of firearms in Pennsylvania. That law establishes a safety zone of 450 feet from any structure. This is an important law that ensures the safety of residents who live in close proximity to private property or wooded areas where hunting may be permitted or authorized by the property owner.

It is customary for hunters to ask permission to hunt on private property and you may have already given permission to hunt on your property. If that is the case, please provide (each person you granted permission to) a signed letter authorizing the letter holder permission to hunt on your property. This will help our officers clearly identify hunters who have legal permission to hunt on specific properties within the Township and ensure the required yardage is met.

When it comes to public safety, we encourage our residents to immediately report any illegal or suspicious activity by calling 911. We appreciate everyone's support in ensuring that Upper Pottsgrove remains a safe place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis X. Wheatley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Francis X. Wheatley  
Chief of Police