

**Regional Police Force (RPF) Feasibility Study**  
**Summary of March 27, 2014 Meeting**  
(Intended for internal Committee use)

The meeting was convened at approximately 3:30 p.m. on March 27, 2014 in the Honey Brook Township Board Room. Adjournment took place at approximately 5:00 p.m.

**Those in attendance:** Ron Stern, Policy Specialist Governor's Center for Local Government Services; Joe Fenstermacher, Honey Brook Township Supervisor, Tracy Ford-Olsen, Supervisor Honey Brook Township; Doug Smith, West Brandywine Township Supervisor; Walt Werner, West Brandywine Township Chief of Police; Jeff Kimes, West Brandywine Township Police Sergeant; and Ron Husband, Study Committee Facilitator/Honey Brook township Resident

**1. Introductions and Overview of Local RPF Study Initiative**

Following introductions and a brief overview of the local initiative provided by Joe Fenstermacher and Ron Husband, Ron Stern of DCED spoke to the advantages/disadvantages of a RPF. Also discussed were the political questions that arise from residents regarding regional policing. Many of these topics are addressed in the *Regional Police Services in Pennsylvania: A Manual for Local Government Officials* which is available online at the PA Department of Community and Economic Development website ([newPA.com](http://newPA.com)) under "Local Government Services".

**2. Particulars of Regional Police Force Study: Formation and Operation – Ron Stern, Governor's Office – Law Enforcement**

Ron Stern stated that to initiate a study request on regional policing a "Letter of Intent" must be signed by an elected official of each municipality. Ron Husband will collect the letters of the municipalities wishing to participate and forward these to Ron Stern at DCED. Form letters for this purpose were distributed at the meeting.

### **3. Further Action Necessary?**

Ron Husband was directed by members of the committee to investigate or move forward with the following:

- Investigate the interest of Honey Brook Borough in moving forward with committee participation. Ron Husband will contact Borough Mayor Chris Mulhull regarding this matter
- Contact Ron Stern at DCED after April 8th to secure samples contracts for police services from throughout the Commonwealth. These will be used as a basis to prepare a sample contract for a proposed Honey Brook Township pilot program of contracted police services.
- Prepare a contracted police services proposal on behalf of Honey Brook Township for West Brandywine Township Supervisor Doug Smith to take to his board for consideration.
- Explore possible visitation of an RPF currently in successful operation. Ron Stern suggested contacting the Northern Lancaster RPF that was formed in 2011. This RPF serves the municipalities of Warwick, Clay and Penn Townships.

### **4. Next Meeting Date**

No future meeting was set at this time pending the progress the committee makes toward its pending action objectives.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Husband

April 8,2014