

The Public Safety Commission would like to welcome its new members

**Joseph Ludrof, Jr.**  
**Richard Kipp**  
**Julie Timmcke**  
**Scott Forbes**  
**Richard Murphy**

**Ad Hoc Members:**      **Ronald Clever**  
**Robert Sharpe**

The Public Safety Commission's monthly meetings are open to the public and are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7PM at the Township Building.

Hunting in the township is a concern that was addressed by the Commission at the last few meetings. The meetings were well attended and viewpoints were presented from various perspectives. The Public Safety Commission would like to clarify the following:

The State Game Commission regulates hunting and hunting regulations are quite stringent. One important regulation relates to safety zones. It is illegal to **“take, trap, pursue, disturb or otherwise chase any game or wildlife or to discharge, for any reason, any firearm, arrow or other deadly weapon within or through a safety zone, or to shoot at any game or wildlife while it is within the safety zone without the specific advance permission of the lawful occupant thereof.** The term **"safety zone"** means: the area within 150 yards around and that area which is below the highest point of any occupied dwelling house, residence, or other building or camp occupied by human beings, or any barn, stable, or other building used in connection therewith or any attached or detached playground of any school, nursery school or day-care center. The "safety zone" for bow and arrow or crossbow is 50 yards. However, around playground, schools, nursery schools or day-care centers, the safety zone remains 150 yards. **It is unlawful to shoot into a safety zone, even if you are outside of the zone.** For comparison, a 150 yard safety zone is about one and a half foot fields. **Further, hunting in township parks, hospital and institutional grounds, and in cemeteries is prohibited.**

If you observe someone hunting illegally and perceive imminent danger you should call the State Police. However, according to M.P. Teehan, Southeast Region Wildlife Conservation Officer, it is very important that you also follow up with a call to the Game Commission, (610) 926-3136. Even if there is no immediate danger, you should report a possible violation directly to the Game Commission. The Game Commission will follow-up. Use the following link to the Game Commission website. [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us). On their website, you can find the full regulations pertaining to hunting as well as other valuable information.