



Mayor's Report

September 20, 2018

Mayor's Citizen's Forum: On Thursday, September 6, 2018, the Mayor held the third of four (4) scheduled quarterly Citizen's Forums at Borough Hall. Approx. 35 residents attended. Crime stats and current scams were discussed. Chief Paparo and Sgt. Johnson attended and presented the YPD presentation. There were many questions and give and take from the residents concerning crime prevention. A fun-filled raffle was conducted as many won gift certificates. Next Forum is scheduled for Thursday, December 6, 2018.

First Homicide Since December 2016: On Friday, September 14, Yeadon Borough experienced a homicide that made headline news – as several news organizations carried it locally. A mentally unstable Caucasian male, age 30, had a domestic violent confrontation with his father at his Yeadon home after an argument, which resulted in his death. The body was dumped in another township. After the father was reported missing by another relative, and his body subsequently found in Lower Merion Township, a dragnet ensued for the killer which led to the arrest of the son on Sunday evening (9/16/18). He was arraigned the next day and remanded over to Delaware County prison with no bail. Special thanks go out to Yeadon's finest led by Chief Paparo and Sgt. Johnson, while working with our County's DA's Criminal Investigation Division (CID), Montgomery Township Detectives, Haverford Township PD, Lower Merion PD, solved the crime in short order over the weekend leading to the apprehension and arrest of the suspect.

Initiation of Police Body Cameras: On Tuesday, September 4, 2018, the YPD started using Body Cameras for all active duty officers. This is the culmination of much training, technical retrofitting and policy directives to govern the holistic usage of the cameras. The Officers have widely embraced them. It will provide a greater level of protection to the community as well as the officers, while mitigating risks and suits by virtue of more evidence created for each police response. Yeadon Police Department is one of the first police departments in Delaware County to initiate a police body camera system.

Borough-wide Camera system: I'm pleased to announce that our new management team has begun entertaining bids for a robust camera system that would see the installation of cameras at strategic locations throughout the borough – which would include borough hall, as well as the business districts and apartment complexes. This would help solve crimes, mitigate dumping and littering issues as well as keep us safer overall. I will continue to report on our progress with this initiative.