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With the New Year arriving, New Year's resolutions have become the topic of discussion, and all the great things the New Year will provide. Recently the New Year has brought with it some cold weather and snow.

With snow comes the beginning of one of the best seasons of the year, ski season. Skiing and snowboarding are such fun sports that can only be enjoyed once a year. So, before thinking of all the negatives about the snow and cold, stop and enjoy the fresh wonderful winter air. I know we will be in our office this year.

Not only do we enjoy the fresh winter air, but we are here to serve the residents of Westmoreland County. Please don't hesitate to call our office with your County Government comments, questions or concerns and we will be happy to help you achieve a resolution. We can be reached 8:30-4 Monday through Friday at 724-830-3100.

Along with snow, the New Year has brought the county another great gift...Westmoreland County Park Police Officer William Meyers and new K-9 Rex. That is one of the many reasons why the Park Police are the topic for this month's Commissioner's Message. Another is that the Park Police handle many services throughout Westmoreland County, regardless of weather, so we thought we would share a few things about the...

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The Westmoreland County Park Police maintain public peace and public safety, while enforcing county ordinances, county security rules and regulations, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The function of the Westmoreland County Park Police Department is to maintain a safe environment for citizens and employees of the county within the geographical locations designated by the Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners.

These functions are accomplished by assigning officers to patrol the county park system to safeguard lives and protect our resources. Another objective is to provide security and law enforcement for the Westmoreland County Courthouse Complex and other county facilities; twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week. The Westmoreland County Park Police shall provide assistance to all persons in need along with the coordination of traffic, crowd control at county events, and assisting of other county agencies.

K-9 Unit: Officer William Meyers and K-9 Rex recently completed an intensive training program with the City of Pittsburgh. This program certifies them for explosive detection, tracking, patrol, firearm searches, building searches and article searches.



Westmoreland Manor: The Park Police will be providing police services to the Westmoreland Manor Juvenile and adjacent county owned buildings. They will have police services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the South Grande Boulevard area.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Westmoreland County!

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