

Police announce recruiting season

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The Bethlehem Police department is looking for the best and brightest recruits to become members of the 8th largest police department in the State of Pennsylvania. The Bethlehem Police Department offers competitive salaries and benefits as well as the chance to serve others. Whether you're local or from outside of the Lehigh Valley, a range of rewarding and fulfilling career opportunities await you at BPD. Written applications will be accepted beginning April 5, 2021 with an application deadline until 3:00 p.m., May 14, 2021. Please take a few moments to find out more information on our website, <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/.../Recr.../Application-Process> about the rewards and benefits of becoming a Bethlehem Police Officer.

The police are hiring!

Another reason to lament the absence of a Public Safety meeting and deeper, wider discussion of some aspects of the department.

There were several points regarding recruitment of new officers floated during the George Floyd summer worthy of battin' around.

Like what kind of officer are we looking for, “warrior” or “guardian”? Remember the warrior department recruitment video that was online representing the department but disappeared last summer when the greater public became aware?

Like what does our testing of recruits look like? The time to weed out potential “bad apples” is right at the beginning. Training was the subject of much of the testimony at the Chauvin trial yesterday, and it was clear that training certainly has its limits. Are we testing for bias, for instance?

Like do we want to set some goals for the ethnic/racial/gender composition of the police force? Remember that several Council members talked of the importance of the department looking like the city.

Like, as part of a community policing emphasis, do we want to consider incentives for officers to live in Bethlehem?

And etcetera.