

Mayor's Report to Council and Citizens Borough of Waynesboro — May 2026

Waynesboro Police and Fire Foundation (WPF)F)

The Waynesboro Police and Fire Foundation (WPF)F) continues to support emergency services in our community through fundraising and special initiatives. WPF)F) is currently raising funds to host a firefighter training seminar at the Evangelical Lutheran Church on **Saturday, June 6, 2026**. The total project cost is approximately **\$4,000**.

This training opportunity will be offered **free of charge** to any volunteer or career firefighter wishing to attend. By providing regional training opportunities, we are able to support not only our own department, but also the neighboring emergency service partners who regularly respond alongside us in mutual aid situations.

Police Department Drone Program

The Waynesboro Police Department has expanded its public safety capabilities through the acquisition of **two DJI 4TD drones and one DJI Avata 2 drone**, along with the necessary supporting equipment and accessories.

Department personnel are currently undergoing training and certification to ensure these tools are deployed safely and effectively. We anticipate the drone program becoming operational within the **next 30 to 60 days**, enhancing our ability to assist with searches, incident assessment, emergency response, and investigative support.

Police Recruitment and Retention

I am pleased to report positive progress in police recruitment efforts. The Borough has extended offers for all **three currently open police officer positions**, and each offer has been accepted pending completion of final background investigations.

Upon successful completion of the hiring process, the candidates are expected to begin the police academy in **July 2026** and, upon graduation, be sworn in as Waynesboro Police Officers by the **end of the year**. These additions will strengthen the department and help ensure continued public safety services for our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Dade Royer

Mayor, Borough of Waynesboro, May 20, 2026