

Statement – Quarryville Borough ICE Task Force Decision

To the Citizens of Quarryville Borough,

The Quarryville Borough Council is aware of the concerns raised by a recent article published in the Lancaster Newspaper, and the subsequent reactions from our community. We want to address these concerns and clarify the facts regarding Quarryville Borough's involvement with the ICE Task Force Program.

In June 2025, it was reported by LNP that Quarryville Borough had signed an agreement with the Federal government's ICE Task Force Program. At that time, the Borough Council had not approved nor was it aware of any agreement to participate. Upon reviewing the situation with our Chief of Police, he stated only a questionnaire regarding the program had been submitted. Later, in December 2025, our Director of Public Safety discovered that an actual application had been submitted by our previous police Chief, unbeknownst to Quarryville Borough council, to join the ICE Task Force Program. Because this was done without authorization by Council, it was not a valid application on behalf of the Borough. With a small police force; two full-time officers, three part-time officers, and two full-time officers serving as school safety resource officers for Solanco School District, our current staffing does not allow us to dedicate resources to the ICE Program. Furthermore, the police department is undergoing a leadership transition, which could add further challenges if we were to join the program at this time.

However, Council remains committed to supporting our police department and will continue to cooperate with all federal, state, and county law enforcement agencies as appropriate and when requested.

We thank our residents for their understanding and encourage everyone to reach out to the Borough Council with any questions or concerns. Our priority is to serve and protect the community while ensuring transparency and open communication.