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## Slate Belt Regional Police Receives Donation for K-9 Program

By Mike Ortoski

Pen Argyl, Pa., May 19, 2022 – The Slate Belt Regional Police Department will soon have a new partner on the team to help fight crime thanks to a \$61,000 donation made by Grand Central Landfill. The funds will support the establishment of the unit through the purchase of the K-9, a specialized vehicle, training for the dog and handler and other miscellaneous costs associated to get the program off the ground.

"Grand Central and its' parent company, WM, believe in safety as a top priority both for their employees and for their community. A K-9 dog is a great tool for the department and for the community." stated WM's Senior Community Relations Specialist, Adrienne Fors.

The addition of the K-9 to the Slate Belt Regional Police will support patrol and investigative functions and enhance officer and citizen safety.

Slate Belt Regional's Police Chief Jonathan Hoadley stated, "My hope is that the K-9 can be implemented to add an extra level of investigative ability, and deterrence, to combating drugs in the Slate Belt. If the K-9 can prevent the delivery of even one drug that could cause the death of an individual, I believe that it is well worth it. You cannot place a price on life and the K-9 will give the Department an extra tool to ensure the communities safety in this regard."

The addition of a K-9 program to the department benefits the community as K-9 dogs can perform a number of different functions; from quickly apprehending suspects, finding evidence that humans miss and assisting in searching for missing people.

The K-9 program isn't expected to get started until sometime in 2023.



## Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Winners

By Rep. Ann Flood

LOWER MT. BETHEL - Thursday night, I attended a scholarship awards dinner at the Tuscarora Inn in Mount Bethel Township along with Bob Killbanks from Rep. Joe Emricks office.

The Education Committee of the Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce reviewed applications and presented five students with various scholarships. Four students received the chamber scholarship and one student received the Frederick R. Curcio Jr. award.

Congratulations to Shanna Bobroy, Kayla Holley, Emily Ohland, Vaughn Telepo and Dillon James for your outstanding efforts, and I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors. Not pictured is award winner Kayla Holley of Pen Argyl ASD as she had a schedule conflict and was unable to attend.



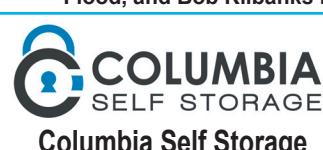
L-R Dillon James, recipient of the Frederick Curcio Jr. Award, Vaughn Telepo of Faith Christian School, Shanna Bobroy of CIT, Emily Ohland of Bangor ASD, Rep. Ann Flood, and Bob Kilbanks from Rep. Joe Emrick's office.



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