

Investing in Public Safety that Works for Everyone

I believe that everyone in PA District 148 deserves to both feel safe and be safe in their community. This goal is achieved through smart investment, proper training, and support for our law enforcement and first-responders.

- **Modern, well-trained policing** – Strengthen Act 120 to expand de-escalation, scenario-based training, mental health crisis response, and officer wellness—ensuring officers are prepared for real-world situations and better outcome.
- **Mental health-focused public safety** – Prioritize connecting people in crisis with services, reducing use of force while building trust between officers and the communities they serve.
- **Community-centered leadership** – Promote visible, approachable policing rooted in local relationships, backed by accountable leadership and smart, efficient use of taxpayer dollars.

Modernizing Public Safety with Visionary Leadership

- **Police training and modernization** – As a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, I will build on nearly a decade of experience leading the Narberth Police Department with support for Act 120 which expands de-escalation, scenario-based training, mental health crisis response, and officer wellness programs throughout the commonwealth.
- **Mental health response as a policing priority** – Today’s police officers and the communities they serve deserve a mutually beneficial relationship where officers are connecting people in crisis with services which reduces use of force and builds trust.
- **Community-centered policing** – I will take my experience and lessons learned to Harrisburg to lead efforts that emphasizes visible, approachable officers who know their neighborhoods, building trust that prevents problems before they escalate.

Public Safety You Can Count On

Lower Merion, Whitmarsh, and Narberth, we all share the same goal: safe neighborhoods, strong communities, and a sense that local government is working the way it should. As a two-term Mayor of Narberth, I oversaw the Borough’s police department for eight years. In that time I transformed the department to streamline operations, modernize practices and restore trust between the officers and the community. I worked closely with officers, residents, and neighboring communities to make sure our approach to public safety was thoughtful, effective, and grounded in real-world needs.

Practical, Modern Policing

Our communities expect professionalism, fairness, and good judgment from our police departments. As mayor with direct oversight of the department, I emphasized training that prepares

officers to be ready for situations they actually face. I spearheaded training programs that put the focus where it should be:

- Responding to mental health crises with care and de-escalation
- Understanding implicit bias and how it affects decision-making
- Supporting residents with disabilities, including autism

This kind of preparation leads to better outcomes for residents and officers alike.

Strengthening Police Training Across Pennsylvania

I will take the opportunity to build on what works and lead efforts to make police training even stronger statewide. I support strengthening Act 120 to ensure officers across Pennsylvania are fully prepared for the realities of modern policing. That means:

- **Making de-escalation a core skill**
Expanding the focus on verbal tactics and crisis management so officers are trained to slow situations down and resolve conflicts safely whenever possible.
- **Increasing realistic, scenario-based training**
Investing in high-quality simulations that reflect the complexity of real calls—like mental health crises, language barriers, and high-stress encounters.
- **Expanding cultural awareness and community trust training**
Strengthening education around cultural competency, implicit bias, and procedural justice to build stronger relationships between police and the communities they serve.
- **Improving decision-making under pressure**
Training that helps officers understand how stress and adrenaline affect judgment—and how to manage those factors in the moment.
- **Supporting officer mental health and long-term wellness**
Preparing cadets for the realities of the job and providing tools to maintain resilience and well-being over the course of their careers.
- **Strengthening Field Training Officer (FTO) programs**
Ensuring experienced officers who train new recruits model professionalism, good communication, and the values we expect in our departments.
- **Deepening mental health response skills**
Giving officers the tools to identify when someone is in crisis and connect them with appropriate services—reducing the need for force when someone is struggling.

These are practical, experience-driven improvements that support both safer communities and better outcomes for officers.

Community Policing That Fits Our Neighborhoods

Lower Merion, Whitemarsh, and Narberth each have their own character and policing should reflect that with officers who are visible, approachable, and engaged. When officers know residents – and residents know their officers – it builds trust and helps prevent problems before they escalate.

Keeping Standards High

Our communities expect and deserve professional, accountable police departments. As Mayor, I listened to residents and the members of the force and put forth a vision of strong leadership, clear expectations, and accountability for the department. That means supporting officers while also ensuring that departments operate transparently and in sync with community values.

Smart, Responsible Spending

Residents in PA District 148 expect their tax dollars to be used wisely. I made sure Narberth's police department was run efficiently with investments focused where they mattered most: training, staffing, and the tools officers need to do their jobs well. Public safety and fiscal responsibility go hand in hand.

A Local Approach in Harrisburg

State policy should support what works at the local level, not get in the way of it. I'll bring my experience working directly with a police department to Harrisburg, advocating for policies that support well-trained, community-focused policing, give municipalities flexibility, and ensure responsible use of taxpayer dollars. Public safety works best when it's practical, accountable, and rooted in the community.