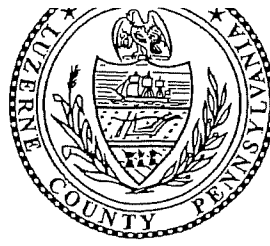


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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
Brian M. Szumski, Sheriff



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P E N N S Y L V A N I A
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Subject: Invitation to Participate in "PJs for Paws" Fundraiser for the Sheriff's Department's Explosives Detection K9 Unit

Dear Principal Kostic,

As centers of education, schools play a crucial role in ensuring the safety and security of our communities. In line with this, the Luzerne County Sheriff's Department is excited to announce a unique opportunity for all 12 school districts, as well as independent, private, and parochial schools, to participate in the "PJs for Paws" fundraiser, scheduled for Friday, May 15th, 2026. This event aims to raise funds to support the Explosives Detection K9 Unit within our Sheriff's Department.

Here's how it works: students who donate \$1, on the morning of May 15th will be granted permission to wear pajama pants for the school day. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go directly toward supporting the K9 Unit's operations. As a token of our appreciation, the K9 will visit each participating school in the 2026-2027 school year (depending on scheduling availability) to thank students for their generous support.

With approximately 48,000 students across the Luzerne County School Districts, as well as independent, private, and parochial schools, the potential impact of this fundraiser is immense. Even if just half of these students participated, we could potentially raise around \$24,000, an amount that would make a significant contribution toward funding this important initiative.

We firmly believe that the safety and security of our schools are paramount, and we are eager to work alongside your district to achieve this shared goal. Your participation in this fundraiser will not only support our Explosives Detection K9 Unit but also foster a sense of community and collaboration among our local educational institutions.

Thank you for your attention and consideration. I look forward to the possibility of working together to make a positive impact on the safety and security of our schools.

Warm regards,

Sheriff Brian M. Szumski
Luzerne County Sheriff's Department

Parents:

The Students of Service are participating in "PJs for Paws". Students can help this special K-9 unit by donating \$1.00 by May 1 and you will be rewarded with a wear your pajama pants on Friday, May 15th. Send your money in a marked envelope labeled with your child's name and grade.

See the flyer on the back side.

PJs for Paws Fundraiser

Want To Wear PJs To School And Help Keep Our Community Safe?

The Luzerne County Sheriff's Department is excited to announce the PJs for Paws fundraiser!

This special event will raise funds to support the **Luzerne County Sheriff's Department K9 Fund** and their important work in keeping our schools and communities safe.

Event Details:

Date: Friday, May 15th, 2026

How It Works: Students can donate \$1 on the morning of May 15th to wear pajama pants for the school day! All proceeds go to support the **K9 Fund**.

K9 Visit: As a thank-you, a K9 will visit each participating school during the 2026-2027 school year (depending on scheduling availability).

Why It Matters:

With over **47,000** students across Luzerne County, your participation could help raise funds to support this life-saving initiative.

Every dollar counts in supporting the K9 Unit's crucial role in ensuring our safety.

Let's come together to show our support for this great cause!

We believe that the safety of our schools is essential, and PJs for Paws is a fun, easy way to make a big impact. Get ready to wear your comfiest PJs for a great cause and help ensure the security of our schools and community for years to come!

