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## **Joint Press Release**

### **Brackenridge and Tarentum to Consider Shared Policing Services**

Borough officials from Brackenridge and Tarentum announced plans to explore the possibility of shared police services after initial discussions between the leadership of the two communities. The Boroughs plan to engage in a series of meetings aimed at increasing efficiency, improving services, and expanding police response capabilities.

Elected officials from both entities will consider the possibility of Tarentum absorbing Brackenridge's current officers and providing coverage for both municipalities. "We are still early in discussions, but the conversations have been positive so far. If an agreement can be reached, Brackenridge would benefit from additional manpower, more flexibility to meet hours of peak demand, enhanced training opportunities, and improved policing technology," said Tim Connelly, President of Brackenridge Council. Additionally, "If it is Tarentum providing our coverage, we still keep that community policing and familiar faces that Brackenridge residents are used to. This arrangement will also improve our ability to provide officers with the resources necessary to perform their jobs safely and effectively," said Brackenridge Mayor Lindsay Fraser.

Tarentum has previously provided policing services for other municipalities and has a robust administrative framework to handle such a change. "Tarentum not only has the experience in providing coverage for neighboring Boroughs, but our officers currently work with Brackenridge officers weekly and are familiar with the area. Many of us have worked in Brackenridge, and if an agreement can be reached between the two Boroughs, it would be great to work there regularly again," said Tarentum Police Chief William Vakulick.

Tarentum Mayor Bob Lang stated, "Tarentum Borough has a long history of working with Brackenridge and our police departments working together. Something like this makes sense and is the neighborly thing to do." Brackenridge Police Sergeant Michael Duffy echoed those sentiments stating "I am looking forward to strengthening the ties between both communities. Furthermore, I want to thank Brackenridge and Tarentum Councils publicly, as well as Tarentum's Chief Vakulick and Manager Boddorf for working with us to maintain public safety in the region."

Borough leaders anticipate numerous discussions over the next few months, and more information will be available as talks move forward.

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