

City of Pittston Social Media Posting Guidelines & Terms of Use

This is the Official Facebook page of City of Pittston Police Department. This page is not regularly monitored in real time. If you are experiencing an emergency or crime in progress, please call 9-1-1. This site is intended to serve as a mechanism for communication between the public and the City of Pittston and its Police Department. Public discourse and information is encouraged, however, please note this is a moderated online discussion site and is designated as a Limited Public Forum. We respectfully request that commenters be mindful that this site is open to users of all ages and that commenters be courteous and civil towards one another.

Prior to posting comments on this Limited Public Forum, users must review and agree to Facebook's Terms of Service and also the City of Pittston Police Social Media Posting Guidelines and Terms of Use set forth on this page. A submitted comment or posting on this page shall constitute an acknowledgement and agreement of these Posting Guidelines and Terms of Use. All comments and posts to this page are subject to monitoring and review by the City of Pittston for compliance with our Posting Guidelines and Terms of Use. The City of Pittston reserves the right to restrict, remove, hide, or delete any comments or posts it considers to be in violation of our Posting Guidelines and Terms of Use at any time without notice.

Consistent with the purpose of this Limited Public Forum, prohibited content includes, but is not limited to, comments or posts which contain:

- Hate speech, personal attacks, name calling, profanity, obscenity, vulgarity, ethnic slurs, material that is harassing, defamatory, offensive, threatening, discriminatory, fraudulent, sexually explicit, racial comments or content or any material that infringes copyright, trademark or other intellectual property rights;
- Obscene profile pictures;
- Content or comments that are off-topic or unrelated to the purpose and/or topical scope of the page or post;
- Violations of Facebook's Community Standards;
- Defamation (libel/slander) of any person or people or organization including any City of Pittston employee. Similarly, we do not allow attempts to defraud any person or people or any financial, commercial, non-governmental or governmental organization;
- Content that promotes, fosters, or perpetrates discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, age, religion, occupation, gender, marital status with regard to public assistance, national origin, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation;
- Comments that incite imminent lawless action;
- Links to websites which may be offensive or inappropriate;
- Comments that incite, encourage, or solicit to commit acts of violence, illegal activity, or criminal conduct;

- Confidential or non-public information;
- Comments that compromise the privacy, safety, and/or security of a crime victim, witness to a crime, or City of Pittston employee and/or their families, or the public;
- Spam, including but not limited to, such as the posting of the same comment repeatedly;
- Solicitations, advertisements, or promotions of any business or commercial transaction. This includes promotions in favor of, or in opposition to, a candidate campaigning for election to a political office, or endorsements of any non-governmental organization, other Facebook groups or pages, Web sites, organizations and programs not related to or affiliated with the City of Pittston Police;
- Other comments that the City of Pittston Police deems inappropriate.

Individuals who comment or post to the City of Pittston's Facebook page and repeatedly violate the Posting Guidelines and Terms of Use set forth here may be subject to becoming banned and prohibited from posting future comments.

Unfortunately comments on shares of any of our posts cannot be deleted or hidden by the City of Pittston, comments can only be deleted by the person who shared the post.

The City of Pittston is not responsible for, any postings or comments placed on this page by visitors to this site. Additionally, the City of Pittston is not responsible for any postings or comments deemed inappropriate that cannot be removed in a timely fashion. Commenters are personally responsible for their own comments, username, and/or any information placed on this page by the commenter. Any opinions expressed by commentators on this page are solely those of the individual offering commentary and do not reflect the opinion or endorsement of the City of Pittston.

Unauthorized attempts to upload or change information on this page are strictly prohibited and may be punishable under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986.

We encourage all followers of this page and users of Facebook to know and understand the privacy settings for Facebook and the terms and policies of Facebook as stated in their Statement of Rights and Responsibilities. You are responsible for your comments, username and any other information provided or posted. Your comments are public and available to anyone viewing this page. To protect your privacy and the privacy of others, it is recommended that you do not include your full name, phone numbers, email addresses, social security number, case numbers or any other sensitive information in your comments or responses.

All postings and content are considered the property of the City of Pittston and may be edited and/or removed at any time without notice and additionally are subject to the Pennsylvania Right to Know Act as well as other laws related to public records and disclosure.

Please remember that information posted on the City of Pittston Police Department's Facebook page shouldn't be considered official legal advice and should not replace a consultation with an attorney. Also, the City of Pittston Police makes reasonable efforts to monitor and/or moderate content posted on its social media platforms; however, we cannot always respond in a timely manner to online requests for information. The City of Pittston does not guarantee or warrant that any information posted on the

City of Pittston Police Department's Facebook page is correct and disclaims any liability for any loss or damage resulting from reliance on any such information.

Please exercise caution when posting personal information on any of our social media sites. It is best not to disclose personal identifiable information such as your location or if you are an official witness to a crime.

By submitting content to City of Pittston Police Department Facebook page, you understand and acknowledge that this information is available to the public. Please note that other participants may use your posted information beyond the control of the City of Pittston Police. If you do not wish to have the information you have made available via this site used, published, copied and/or reprinted, please do not post on this page. All links to other Web sites linked from the City of Pittston Police social media sites are provided as a service to our subscribers, but such linkage does not constitute endorsement of those sites by the city of Pittston Police and as such we are not responsible for the content of external Web sites.

Any image or content used by the City of Pittston Police Department in any of their posts is done in accordance with Fair Use Copyright Laws for Educational and Non-Profit purposes.

If you have any information on criminal activity or wish to share information related to locating someone featured in our Departmental Warrants you can send a Facebook message to us, for your safety please do not post this information as a comment.

Patch Collectors Info: Due to security reasons, we no longer participate in patch sharing/trading.

----- Departmental Warrants Disclaimer -----

There is no reward offered for the capture of these individuals. If you know any of the featured individuals or their whereabouts do not approach them. Please call 911 (regardless of where they are located any police agency can make an arrest on this warrant). Post & Photo will be removed upon apprehension.

That's the plain language version of some of the key considerations when using the City of Pittston Police Facebook page. Please keep reading for further terms and conditions regarding participation on the City of Pittston Police Social Media Sites.

BY POSTING ON THE CITY OF PITTSTON POLICE SOCIAL MEDIA SITES YOU AGREE TO THE TERMS SET FORTH IN THIS SOCIAL MEDIA SITE USER AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT").

1. By accessing, viewing and/or posting any content on any the City of Pittston Police social media site you accept, without limitation or qualification, the following terms of use. If you do not agree to these terms, you may not view or post any content to any the City of Pittston Police social media site. Your use of the City of Pittston Police social media sites is acceptance of this Agreement and has the same effect as if you had actually physically signed an agreement. This policy/disclaimer is in addition to any and all third-party policies (i.e. Facebook, YouTube).

2. No information on any the City of Pittston Police social media site is intended as official legal advice. Information posted on the City of Pittston Police social media site should not be used in place of consultation with an attorney. Therefore, by participating, you agree that the City of Pittston Police shall not be responsible for information provided under any theory of liability or indemnity. You must contact an attorney for the appropriate information and any legal related advice.

3. The City of Pittston Police shall not be held responsible for inappropriate content, images or third party links submitted by other users.

4. The City of Pittston Police does not endorse any product, service, views or content displayed on the City of Pittston Police social media sites. Any advertisements appearing on the City of Pittston Police social networking pages do not reflect an endorsement by the City of Pittston Police of the product or service being advertised. By linking to other private, non-Commonwealth agency sites, the City of Pittston Police is not endorsing its products, services, privacy or security policies. The views expressed on the City of Pittston Police social media sites are those of the users and are not necessarily representative of the views of the City of Pittston Police. Any external links appearing on City of Pittston Police social networking pages are not endorsed nor approved. These links are made available solely to assist the user in his or her search. The City of Pittston Police takes no responsibility in the links operation or content. By clicking the link, you could leave the City of Pittston social networking page and enter a privately owned web site created, operated and maintained by a private business or non-Commonwealth government agency. The information that this private business collects or that the non-Commonwealth government agency maintains as a result of your visit to its web site may differ from the information that a web site maintained by agencies and departments of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania collects or maintains. You may not provide any content to a the City of Pittston Police social media site that contains any product or service endorsements or any content that may be construed as political lobbying, solicitations or contributions or use the City of Pittston Police social media site to link to any sites or political candidates or parties or use City of Pittston Police social media site to discuss political campaigns, issues or for taking a position on any legislation or law.

5. As a guest posting content to any the City of Pittston Police social media site on the internet, you agree that you will not: violate any local, state, federal and international laws and regulations, including but not limited to copyright and intellectual property rights laws regarding any content that you send or receive; transmit any material (by uploading, posting, email or otherwise) that is unlawful, disruptive, threatening, profane, abusive, harassing, embarrassing, tortuous, defamatory, obscene, libelous, or is an invasion of another's privacy, is hateful or racially, ethnically or otherwise objectionable as solely determined in the City of Pittston Police's discretion; impersonate any person or entity or falsely state or otherwise misrepresent your affiliation with a person or entity; transmit any material (by uploading, posting, email or otherwise) that you do not have a right to make available under any law or under

contractual or fiduciary relationships; transmit any material (by uploading, posting, email or otherwise) that infringes any patent, trademark, trade secret, copyright or other proprietary rights of any party; transmit (by uploading, posting, email or otherwise) any unsolicited or unauthorized advertising, promotional materials, "junk mail," "spam," "chain letters," "pyramid schemes" or any other form of solicitation; transmit any material (by uploading, posting, email or otherwise) that contains software viruses, worms, disabling code, or any other computer code, files or programs designed to interrupt, destroy or limit the functionality of any computer software or hardware or telecommunications equipment; harass another; or collect or store, or attempt to collect or store, personal data about third parties without their knowledge or consent; or to share confidential pricing information of any party.

6. The City of Pittston Police reserves the right to monitor, edit, prohibit, restrict, block, suspend, terminate, delete, or discontinue access to any City of Pittston Police social media site, at any time, without notice and for any reason and in its sole discretion. The City of Pittston Police may remove, delete, edit, block, filter or restrict by any other means any materials in the City of Pittston sole discretion. As a public forum, you understand and agree that the City of Pittston may disclose your communications and activities with the City of Pittston Police for any and all reasons, including, but not limited to: in response to lawful requests by governmental authorities, including Patriot Act requests, judicial orders, warrants or subpoenas, or for the protection of the City of Pittston Police rights. You agree that in the event that the City of Pittston Police exercises any of its rights hereunder for any reason, the City of Pittston Police will have no liability to you.

7. By posting any content on any the City of Pittston Police social media sites, you grant the City of Pittston Police the irrevocable right to reproduce, distribute, publish, display such content and the right to create derivative works from your content, edit or modify such content and use such content for any the City of Pittston Police purpose. User hereby releases the City of Pittston Police from any and all liability in connection with the City of Pittston Police's use of any and all pictures, images, content, or video posted on the City of Pittston Police social media site.

8. You shall defend, indemnify, and hold the City of Pittston Police and its respective officers, directors, employees, contractors, agents, successors and assigns harmless from and against, and shall promptly reimburse them for, any and all losses, claims, damages, settlements, costs, and liabilities of any nature whatsoever (including reasonable attorneys' fees) to which any of them may become subject arising out of, based upon, as a result of, or in any way connected with, your posting of any content to an the City of Pittston Police social media site, any third party claims of infringement or any breach of this Agreement.

9. YOU EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY RELATED TO THE SECURITY, PRIVACY, AND CONFIDENTIALITY RISKS INHERENT IN SENDING ANY CONTENT OVER THE INTERNET. By its very nature, a website and the Internet cannot be absolutely protected against intentional or malicious intrusion attempts. The City of Pittston Police does not control the third party sites and the Internet over which you may choose to send confidential personal information or other content and, therefore, the City of Pittston Police does not warrant any safeguard against any such interceptions or compromises to your information. When posting any content on an Internet site, you should think carefully about your own privacy in disclosing detailed or private information about yourself and your family.

10. You agree that any claim or dispute relating to your posting of any content on the City of Pittston Police social media site shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Pennsylvania without regard to its conflict of laws provisions, and you agree to be bound and shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the local, state or federal courts located in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

11. THIS POLICY MAY BE UPDATED AT ANY TIME WITHOUT NOTICE, AND EACH TIME A USER ACCESSES A CITY OF PITTSTON POLICE SOCIAL MEDIA SITE, THE NEW POLICY WILL GOVERN USAGE EFFECTIVE UPON POSTING. To remain in compliance, the City of Pittston Police suggests that you review this Agreement, as well as the other the City of Pittston Police website policies, at regular intervals. By continuing to post any content after such new terms are posted, you accept and agree to any and all such modifications to this Agreement.