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Dauphin County News

Waste Enforcement Officer Hired in Dauphin County

Responding to a rash of illegal dumping and suspected violations of the county's solid waste plan, the Dauphin County Commissioners have hired a new enforcement officer. Formerly the Chief of Police for Royalton Borough and a decorated U.S. Army veteran, Gino Santamaria began working for the county this month. Santamaria served as a police officer for Royalton Borough from 1994 to April 2007, and then as its Police Chief from May 2007 to July 2009 before retiring from the force.

He also served with the Capitol Police Department from 1988 to 2008, retiring with the rank of sergeant, and devoted more than 11 years to the Military Police Corps.

He has received numerous medals for achievement and service, including the "Top Gun" Award for DUI arrests in 2001 from the PA DUI Association.

As part of his newly created post, Santamaria will be able to issue citations to polluters and to fine haulers who take county trash outside county lines, to other landfills or disposal facilities.

In addition to enforcing the county's Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan, which includes making sure that registered haulers take their waste to the Harrisburg Incinerator, he will ensure that construction and demolition (C & D) waste facilities are taking only C & D waste, and not municipal waste, and crack down on illegal dumpers.