

May 18, 2025

Members of the Manheim Township Board of Commissioners:

We write in response to the actions that were recorded and publicly shared in regards to the Manheim Township Police Chief Duane Fisher on April 30, 2025. Manheim Township deserves the finest police officers for the safety and protection of our community. That trust and leadership comes from the top of the Manheim Township Police Department where the Chief of Police is held at a higher standard of conduct and professionalism. Below are the concerns we would like to express:

- 1.) The police report posted on the MTPD appears to be inconsistent based on the actions as seen from the security video shared with LNP and later WGAL. In particular, the police report mentions, "The rider started the motorcycle as Chief Fisher attempted to stop him from leaving. The suspect, later identified as Benny Peña-Rivera, ignored orders to turn off the motorcycle, pushed/shoved Chief Fisher, and attempted to drive away. Pena-Rivera got off the motorcycle, and it was between him and Chief Fisher. Peña-Rivera used the bike to push Chief Fisher and make an escape on foot. A search of the area ensued."
- 2.) Footage as shared on LNP depicts the police chief drawing his weapon on the motorcyclist without apparent indication of imminent danger.

We are deeply troubled by these accounts and the potential impact the community may have on trusting the Manheim Township Police Department. While we understand that one video clip and some testimonies demonstrated part of the story, the evidence suggests significant cause for concern on the professionalism demonstrated by the Chief which impacts the community's trust for the Department.

We respectfully request the Commissioners consult a third-party group to conduct an unbiased investigation and in consultation with the Manheim Township Civil Service Commission, as appropriate.

Respectfully,



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