

From: Darren McGee

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To: Enfield Town Board

**Proposal: Support for a Tompkins County Sheriff Satellite Office in the Town of Enfield**

Dear Enfield Town Board members,

My name is Darren McGee. I've been an Enfield resident for thirty-five years. I'm very concerned about our crime rate and our lack of a positive relationship with law enforcement in Enfield.

Due to our location and budget constraints of the Sheriff's Department, response times can be long and their presence in our community is limited.

I've spent a lot of time speaking with Enfield residents over the last few months. Most residents I meet echo my concerns, so I arranged a meeting with Sheriff Osborne to ask if a satellite office might be possible in the Town of Enfield. He was more than willing to discuss the feasibility of this and look at potential sites.

Sheriff Osborne and I met with the Enfield Town Supervisor, Beth McGee, and concluded that the old highway facility, which includes the Town Historian's storage room, best suits their needs, including a separate restroom and a bay with an automatic door where they can leave a car inside.

Recently, we met with a representative from Tompkins County IT and determined that connectivity for radios and internet is sufficient and will not impede our ability to make this happen. At this meeting it was established that Sheriff Osborne enthusiastically supports a satellite office for the Tompkins County Sheriff's Department in the Town of Enfield.

We have subsequently met with our County Legislators, Anne Koreman and David McKenna, and were pleased that they were in support of this opportunity as well.

We have developed a list tasks for the Town and the Sheriff's Dept. that I can share for your information.

**Benefits to our communities include:**

A Sheriff's Dept. presence on the West side of Cayuga Lake

Reduced response times

Involvement with schools and community groups

A strong sense of safety in Enfield

Potential decrease in crime

Neighboring towns will benefit from our central location

I'm grateful to Sheriff Osborne and our County representatives for their willingness to see potential in Enfield for this purpose. I'm committed to leading a community effort to clean up the space and make it inviting for this purpose. I respectfully ask the Tompkins County Public Safety Committee to support this opportunity to improve response, build trust, and engage with residents .

I thank the Board for your time, and hope, with your support, a Sheriff's Satellite office in Enfield can be a reality.

Sincerely,

Darren McGee  
Town of Enfield Resident

### **Task List for TCSD Satellite Office in the Town of Enfield**

#### **Town Tasks-**

- Replace existing office window (already have the window)
- Replace wooden office door with a fire-proof door
- Have Haeefele install free cable in the office
- Provide access to the existing town internet connection
- Install a new LED light fixture in the office
- Find a secure, energy efficient option for heating/cooling (can use existing heat source until this is resolved)
- Replace sink fixture in restroom
- Install CO2/smoke detectors for the garage outside the office
- Install key pads on office door and exterior door leading to garage
- Purchase paint for restroom, garage bay area, and office
- Promote a community clean-up effort to clean and prepare the space

#### **Sheriff's Department Tasks-**

- Furnish office
- Supply communication line (possible Verizon landline to be installed in the office if Town cable phone doesn't fit TCSD needs)
- Supply appropriate signage
- Maintain space and supply needed materials