

Pennsylvania State Troopers Association

2018 ENDORSEMENT

GOVERNOR

3625 Vartan Way, Harrisburg PA., 17110

On September 26th, 2018 at the September Round Robin the body and Board of the PSTA voted to endorse the candidacy of Governor Tom Wolf as he seeks re-election on November 6th, 2018.

Both candidates for office were afforded the opportunity to speak at the Round Robin. Both candidate Wagner and Governor Wolf made presentations to the assembled members. Also, both were given the opportunity to interact and respond to our member's questions.

- The PSTA has fought for and defended Act 111 for the past fifty years. Governor Wolf made a promise in 2014, that if elected, he would not support any legislative efforts to change, modify or undermine Act 111. To that end, he has kept his word.
- Then Senator, Scott Wagner was a co-sponsor of SB311 which would have changed substantially weakened Act 111.
- Governor Wolf has steadfastly supported the defined benefit pension benefit afforded our members in their retirement.
- Scott Wagner has proposed that all police officers in Pennsylvania be placed in a 401k style pension plan.
- The Governor and his staff have consistently worked with the Association in a variety of issues that we faced after the Janus decision. This includes the collection of our dues to the Association, the continued deposit of THT and PAC donations and the recognition that the Association is the ONLY recognized organization that represents Troopers.
- Governor Wolf, to date has secured funding and utilized same for a total of thirteen Cadet classes. This is more than the three previous administrations combined.
- The Governor did veto the Drug Formulary Bill that would have significantly altered the Doctor/patient relationship.

- The PSTA recognizes that there are issues in which we disagree with the Governor. These include sanctuary cities as well as the moratorium on the death penalty. Also, the issue of identifying a police officer after a critical incident.
- The Governor has pledged to continue to work with law enforcement in an effort to find consensus in legislation that would protect police officers and their families in the event of a high-profile incident.

The governor has proved to be an honest broker in issues of mutual concern. We do look forward to working with him and his administration as we move the agenda and issues of the PSTA forward.