



## **Officer Matt Barber Named 2019 Police Officer of the Year**

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP** – The Lower Providence Township Police were honored to partner with the Lower Providence Optimist Club to present the 2019 Officer of the Year Award to Officer Matt Barber. The award is presented to an officer who excels in performance and is dedicated to the community.

Officer Barber is the embodiment of the community policing concept. He routinely volunteers to provide outside groups with tours of the station, engages in reading books to young children, attends community functions and is always willing to speak with people about his duties as a police officer. Off. Barber's most notable endeavor is his involvement with the police department's Junior Police Academy. Each year, he spends countless hours organizing the two-day event by securing food and drink for the campers, designing and ordering t-shirts, obtaining supplies and coordinating with various emergency services groups who participate each day. It is extremely obvious to everyone working alongside him that his dedication and commitment to the camp are for the children. He not only wants them learning about a career in law enforcement but looks forward to them leaving with a memorable and fun experience.

In addition to his commitment to community policing, Officer Barber's most notable strengths are his positive attitude and work ethic. He gets along well with his co-workers and he's always willing to lend a hand. He's an active police officer and thoroughly investigates all cases in which he's involved.

