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Operation Safe Surrender

Operation Clean Slate was originally held on 2010. The concept was a York County Sheriff's Department initiative. It was supported by the Court of Common Pleas, District Attorney's Office, Public Defenders, Office, Court Administration, and the faith-based community in York County. It was a detail scheduled for a two day period. There was so much interest and turn out that we had to make a third day available for the over flow of individuals with warrants. At the end of the 3 days, the program resulted in approximately 565 people turning themselves in, resolving around 1,500 warrants.

We have been asked to conduct another detail which is **OPERATION SAFE SURRENDER**.

Operation Safe Surrender will be held **Thursday, August 24th and Friday, August 25th 2017 at Stillmeadow Church, 350 Chestnut St. York, Pa from 8am-3pm each day.**

Operation Safe Surrender is meant to encourage individuals wanted on **felony, misdemeanor, or summary warrants to voluntarily surrender themselves to law enforcement while in a neutral setting.**

It is important to note that Operation Safe Surrender is not an amnesty program. It is a program that will offer individuals who want to re-enter their communities the first step toward a second chance in the form of **favorable consideration from the court.**

Individuals who chose to surrender themselves to law enforcement officers at the Stillmeadow Church will be able to meet with District Attorneys, Public Defenders and other judicial personnel on-site to resolve their warrants.

Individuals who surrender themselves are asked to bring any form of identification, such as, but not limited to: social security card, birth certificate, Medicare/Medicaid, state ID or a valid driver's license.

Operation Safe Surrender benefits people with an outstanding, active warrant issued by the **York County courts.** However, if your warrant is issued from another county or another state, we will attempt to provide assistance to you to make arrangements to take care of those warrants.

After-care services such as child care, housing, food and clothing and utility bill assistance will also be provided through a variety of agencies and community members.

This detail will also include a unique benefit known as "**The Express Line**". For individuals who have summary District Magistrate Warrants with fines attached, you will have the option of going to this line. You will submit a \$25.00 payment for each warrant, and be immediately released with a new reporting date / community service program / or payment plan **WITHOUT** having to go in front of a District Magistrate on these days.

Additionally, no extra fees will be attached to fines and costs when turning yourself in during this program.

There is no religious requirement to participate in Operation Safe Surrender. The program is meant to provide fugitives with the opportunity to surrender to authorities in a faith-based, safe, and neutral setting.

Please check out our Facebook page for more information and updates as we get closer to the detail: Operation Safe Surrender York County, PA.

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