

On April 12th we attended the meeting for elected officials at the Somerset County Vocational and Technical High School regarding the Prosecutor's Task Force on Regionalized Policing. We each received our own copy of the study as well as a CD. We've had the opportunity to read the report. It is a long well detailed compendium that presents the final reports of the 7 sub-committees. They covered:

1. Governance structure and Municipal contracts
2. Expansion/standardization of communications and police records management
3. Organizational structure, crime analysis, scheduling, and deployment
4. Standardization of operating procedures
5. Reconfiguration of host facilities
6. Integration of labor contracts
7. Finance

We truly appreciate the long hours the members of these committees put into this formidable task. We have been given until August 1st to reach a decision that will affect the borough for decades to come. While each council member and I are mandated to make this decision, it is our feeling that input from the public is necessary and welcomed. Therefore Raritan along with other communities such as Montgomery and Somerville will be forming a bi-partisan committee to review this document and give us their opinion. I have also invited the mayors of the constituent towns within our precinct area Somerville, Bound Brook, Bridgewater, and Branchburg to meet here to discuss the possible consolidation. The complete study can be found on the Somerset County website www.co.somerset.nj.us for those that are interested in reading it.