



Township of Egg Harbor

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Voice of the People
The Press of Atlantic City
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Dear Editor:

Your January 5th "EHT Police Lawsuits, Quite a Trend" editorial concluded that Township officials don't appear to be concerned about them. I can assure our residents that the Mayor and Township Committee, Police Chief and I are very concerned about them and do not take them lightly.

In two of the matters, after a thorough internal affairs investigation by the Police Department, those employees who were responsible for the harassment were disciplined and the Township instituted corrective actions to protect itself and its residents from future lawsuits. We believe our employees have a right to a safe work place, free of harassment and discrimination.

We take every citizen complaint very seriously and thoroughly investigate all allegations of impropriety. We take appropriate discipline actions or re-training to correct any found violations of Township and departmental rules and regulations.

New Jersey local governments are facing an explosion of lawsuits that are wasting tens of millions of dollars each year. The basic problem is attorney fees shifting. Very often in these cases plaintiff's attorneys receive a greater payout than the employee.

As a result, the insurer chooses to settle cases in order to save taxpayers exposure to extravagant legal fees at the end of the trial due to runaway jury verdicts.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Miller
Township Administrator

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