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Tarentum Borough Provides Update on Dog Attack Incident

Tarentum, PA — At approximately 5:42 PM yesterday evening, the Tarentum Borough Police Department received an emergency call reporting a dog attack in progress. Officers arrived on the scene by 5:45 PM, where they encountered three pit bulls, two of which were posing a threat to residents in the area.

Our official reports confirm that three individuals sustained bite injuries and were immediately transported to the hospital for medical treatment. Fortunately, none of the injuries are considered life-threatening, though some victims require more intensive medical attention.

Given the immediate risk to public safety, officers had to take action that resulted in the death of one of the advancing dogs. The second dog was later located and safely contained shortly thereafter.

The dog's owner has been taken into custody, and charges are pending as we continue the investigation. Over the next few days, our department will work diligently to gather video evidence, interview witnesses, and compile all necessary details to fully understand the events leading up to this incident.

In response to recent events, the community is coming together to organize a "Second Chance Trick-or-Treat" event at Tarentum's Riverview Memorial Park on Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. While this event is not officially sponsored by the Borough of Tarentum, we are fully supportive of this community-driven initiative and will be providing electric and water services to assist. This event will offer a fun, safe space for families and children to enjoy Halloween festivities. The event has been organized by Angel Matthews and Dawn Wyble.

A Reminder to Pet Owners

The Borough would like to remind all pet owners of the critical responsibility that comes with owning and caring for animals. Properly securing pets, especially those with strong protective instincts, is essential for the safety of the entire community. We urge all residents to follow leash laws, supervise pets when outdoors, and take preventive measures to avoid any risks to public safety. Responsible pet ownership is a shared commitment that helps protect both our residents and our pets.

We thank our officers and emergency responders for their swift action and commitment to public safety, and we wish all those affected a swift recovery.

For more information, please contact Dwight Boddorf, Borough Manager, at 724.224.1818.

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