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Tarentum Borough Receives Governor's Award for Technology Innovation in Utility Systems

Tarentum Borough Police Department, PA - Tarentum Borough announced today that it has received the [Pennsylvania Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence in Technology](#) in recognition of its integrated smart utility and infrastructure monitoring system.

The award highlights the Borough's implementation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure across both its electric and water systems, combined with Geographic Information System mapping, acoustic leak detection, pressure monitoring, and real-time alerting. Together, these systems provide immediate notifications to staff for power outages, water loss, and line breaks, while also enabling timely communication to residents through community alerts. This integrated approach enables the Borough to detect issues more quickly, respond more efficiently, and improve overall service reliability. By combining smart meters, acoustic noise loggers, and pressure sensors, Tarentum has built a layered monitoring system that enhances situational awareness across critical infrastructure.

"This did not happen overnight," said Borough Manager Dwight Boddorf. "This innovation was possible because of our staff, Council, and the public pushing us to do better and communicate faster when outages and water breaks occur. It has taken years of integration, trial and error, and direct investment to build a system that works in real time. This award belongs to everyone who kept pushing us forward."

Tarentum's technology framework also supports proactive maintenance by identifying potential water leaks and system irregularities before they become major failures. Integration with GIS mapping enables field crews to quickly locate and respond to issues, reducing downtime and improving coordination.

Council President Scott Dadowski emphasized the long-term impact of the investment. "This recognition validates the Borough's commitment to modernizing our infrastructure in a responsible and forward-thinking way," said Dadowski. "We are not just reacting to problems. We are building a system that anticipates them. That is how you deliver reliable services to residents and position a community for the future."

The Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence recognizes municipalities across Pennsylvania that demonstrate outstanding service and innovation. Tarentum's selection underscores its leadership in leveraging technology to improve operations and enhance quality of life for its residents.

The Borough will continue expanding its use of data and technology to strengthen infrastructure reliability, improve efficiency, and provide transparent communication to the community.

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