

Police to receive another donation from nonprofit

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Tonight's contribution will make a total of \$362,500 given to Middletown by Woods Services over the years.

Middletown police will get another boost from Woods Services tonight when the nonprofit's president and chief executive officer, Robert Griffith, presents a \$37,500 check to the township supervisors at their meeting.

The money, as usual, will be used for equipment or some other use within the police department, said supervisors Chairman Tom Gallagher.

"We're always appreciative of partners in our township like Woods Services that help our police who do such a good job for the organization throughout the year," he said.

Woods Services makes an annual contribution to township police in appreciation for services they provide to the organization. The contributions are made partly because, as a nonprofit, Woods pays less property taxes than if it were a for-profit entity, said Woods spokeswoman Cheryl Kauffman.

"We have some wonderful neighbors, including Middletown, who are always looking out for our clients," she said.

In addition to the contribution to Middletown to be made tonight, Woods Services has so far this year contributed \$17,000 to the Langhorne-Middletown Fire Company, \$8,000 to Langhorne, \$6,000 to Langhorne Manor and \$2,500 to the Penndel-Middletown Emergency Squad.

Woods, a 300-acre residential facility for the developmentally disabled that serves more than 700 clients, is located 88 percent in Middletown, 10 percent in Langhorne and 2 percent in Langhorne Manor, Kauffman said.

Over the years, the nonprofit has given \$362,500 to Middletown, \$74,500 to Langhorne and \$66,000 to Langhorne Manor, she said.

Griffith, president and CEO for the last 25 years, is retiring effective May 2011. Kauffman said Woods Services has hired a search firm to work with the Board of Trustees on finding Griffith's replacement.

The plan is to have Griffith's replacement in place by the time he retires so the transition will be seamless, Kauffman said.

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