

## **PA BACKGROUND CHECKS**

The state of Pennsylvania requires that all Volunteers that are involved with children must take the following background checks to be qualified to be a leader in the Boy Scouts of America:

- 1. Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Background checks**
- 2. Pennsylvania Child Abuse Background checks**
- 3. FBI Background Checks (Living in Pennsylvania 10 years or less)**
- 4. Volunteer Affidavit (Living in Pennsylvania 10 Years or more)**

Volunteers that do not comply with this ordinance **will not** be registered in the Boy Scouts of America. Charters **will not** be processed if the background check paperwork is not turned into the office.

The penalty for having a volunteer registered without the background checks is **\$10,000 per person**.

The best way to keep track of the background checks is to keep copies for the **unit**, give a copy to the **council**, and the **individual** should keep a copy for themselves. This will keep everyone's records in check.

Websites for Pennsylvania Background Checks:

PA State Police: <https://epatch.state.pa.us/>

PA Child Abuse: <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS>

FBI Background: [www.pa.cogentid.com/](http://www.pa.cogentid.com/)

In Lieu of the FBI fingerprint check, you can download an Affidavit of Residency on our Website if you have lived in Pennsylvania for 10 years or more. You may also attain a **volunteer affidavit** at the Westmoreland Fayette Council office or we will be happy to mail you one!