

**Jody Welsh, President  
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Hi, my name is Jody Welsh, President of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce. I represent the business community here in Pike County. As the Eric Frein Manhunt took place it did affect a few businesses in our area. I sent an email out to the Pike County Chamber of Commerce's membership asking for their feedback on how the Eric Frein Manhunt impacted their business, not many businesses replied to me but I did receive some feedback from a few local businesses.

A business located in Milford Borough stated that many of their hotel reservations and dinner reservations were cancelled. They noticed a drop in revenue from their everyday diners as well. The foot traffic into their establishment wasn't the same over the years. They compared numbers and noticed that revenue was down from where it was the year before.

Another business located in Greeley, PA which is only a few short miles away from the Blooming Grove Barracks stated that they had organizations cancel events that were planned to happen. They lost over \$35,000 during the manhunt due to cancelled events. They were eventually able to get some of that money back from their insurance company.

Also the manhunt impacted area school districts such as East Stroudsburg School District and Wallenpaupack School District. These children lost days of school and also had athletic activities cancelled along with games.

The manhunt also affected hunting season in the area as that is the time of the year where some out of towners would come to their cabins to hunt on State Game Lands, but due to the manhunt all hunting was cancelled. Hunting season is one last time for the businesses to generate revenue before the winter season arrives.

Thank you.