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**TO:** Final Report Distribution  
**FROM:** Thomas Slonaker, County Controller  
**DATE:** January 11, 2010  
**RE:** Ethics Hotline Activity - 2009

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We have compiled a listing of ethics hotline activity for 2009. The ethics hotline continues to be a valuable tool for employees and the public to report suspected improprieties. All reports received are investigated and resolved by the office of the controller.

AUDITS/ETHICS HOTLINE ACTIVITY

COUNTY OF LEHIGH, PENNSYLVANIA  
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*Ethics Hotline Activity  
for the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2009*

REPORT NO. 10-1

COUNTY OF LEHIGH, PENNSYLVANIA  
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In accordance with Ordinance 1993-130, the County of Lehigh established a hotline (610-782-3999) for the reporting of suspected theft, fraud, and abuse of county resources and/or assets. The hotline is based in the Controller's Office and is available for use by both county employees and the public 24 hours a day. Callers can report anonymously any situation that appears improper. All calls are investigated by the Controller's Office or are directed to the proper authority (if not under county jurisdiction).

The administrative code, as amended by Ordinance 1993-130, requires periodic reporting to the Board of Commissioners. Attached please find a summary account of "Ethics Hotline" calls received during 2009.



THOMAS SLONAKER  
County Controller

January 11, 2010  
Allentown, Pennsylvania

Attachment

xc: Board of Commissioners  
David Barilla, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners  
Jan Creedon, Director, General Services  
Donald Cunningham, Jr., County Executive  
Wesley Havercamp, Sheriff's Office  
Brian Kahler, Fiscal Officer  
Frank Kane, Chief of Staff  
Patricia Kline, General Services  
Thomas Muller, Director of Administration  
Leroy Oswald, County Detective, District Attorney's Office  
Honorable William H. Platt, President Judge  
Susan Schellenberg, Court Administrator

**ETHICS HOTLINE\***  
**SUMMARY OF 2009 ACTIVITY**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Ethics File No.</u>
01-28-09	Employee personnel issue – Prison	E09-01
02-03-09	Lost cell phone – Crisis Intervention	E09-02
02-05-09	Employee personnel issue – Central Booking	E09-03
03-12-09	Stolen personal property – Domestic Relations	E09-04
04-22-09	Workers’ compensation issue – prescriptions	E09-05
05-01-09	Employee personnel issue – Prison	E09-06
05-08-09	Missing files – Domestic Relations	E09-07
05-08-09	Alleged criminal activity – county resident	E09-08
05-15-09	Crisis intervention issue – non-county resident	---
06-19-09	Stolen personal property – Law Library	E09-09
06-22-09	Employee personnel issue – Children & Youth	E09-10
07-08-09	Missing county property – Children & Youth	E09-11
07-16-09	Missing county property – Children & Youth	E09-12
07-17-09	Employee personnel issue – Children & Youth	E09-13
07-21-09	Lost/stolen camera – Coroner’s Office	E09-14
07-23-09	Alleged criminal activity – county resident	E09-15

\* Includes reports received per Administrative Notice 2001-4, “Reporting Missing Personal and County Property”



<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Ethics File No.</u>
07-27-09	Stolen video camera & digital camera – Office of Public Affairs	E09-16
07-31-09	Stolen personal property – Government Center	E09-17
08-06-09	Client funds missing – Mental Retardation	E09-18
08-10-09	Missing county property – Adult Probation	E09-19
08-17-09	Stolen county property – Law Library	E09-20
08-18-09	Vendor overbillings – HealthChoices	E09-21
08-21-09	Stolen county property – Information Technology	E09-22
08-24-09	Employee misappropriation of funds – Bureau of Collections	E09-23
02-09-09	Missing client co-payments – Drug & Alcohol vendor	E09-24
09-04-09	Alleged medicare overbilling – Mental Retardation	E09-25
09-04-09	Alleged medicare fraud – HealthChoices	E09-26
08-19-09	Vendor overbillings – Children & Youth	E09-27
11-09-09	Alleged misuse of county resources – Public Defender	E09-28
11-02-09	Employee leave time abuse – Compost Site	E09-29
11-17-09	Election issue–improper use of county resources – Central Booking	E09-30
12-09-09	Lost cell phone – Children & Youth	E09-31