

Scott Township Addressing Project

Frequently Asked Questions about Your New Address

Q: I've had the same Rural Route address for years. Why does my RR address have to change now?

A: Your old Rural Route address doesn't indicate specifically where your house is located. The new address, which includes a house number and a street name, is based on a logical system that will make it easier for emergency services personnel to find your home in an emergency.

Q: I already have a house number and street address. Why does my address have to change?

A: The Township officials have approved a new addressing system that is consistent countywide. Your new address is based on the distance from the beginning of the road to your structure.

Q: Who authorized the re-addressing?

A: The project was authorized by the Township, in cooperation with your municipal officials, the Postal Services and emergency services providers. The Supervisors hired PoconoGIS to verify the each structure and assign a 911/ physical address to each structure.

Q: Why is the name of the street I live on changing?

A: In some cases where duplicate or similar sounding road names exist, one of the road names must change to avoid the potential for confusion in an emergency. Usually, the choice of which road name to change is made to minimize the number of residents affected.

Q: Who chose the road names?

A: In Pennsylvania, municipalities have the authority to name or re-name roads. Road name changes were made with the assistance of the PoconoGIS. No two roads can have the same name within the Township boundaries or within zip code boundaries.

Q: Does this mean my address will be on MapQuest or Google so visitors will be able to get driving directions from the internet.

A: Yes, however it can take up to one year for them to get their database updated.

Q: When my address changes, how will the post office know where to deliver my mail?

A: The United States Postal Service (USPS) is an active participant in the addressing project. The Post Office will have a record of your new address in advance of your address changing. PoconoGIS & Scott Township worked with USPS throughout the process of assigning new addresses.

Q: Should I post my new address number?

A: Yes. In order to help emergency services personnel it is critical to have your house number posted immediately. The 911 responders will have your new address by the time you have received notification. Scott Township has specifications for house number requirements refer to Street Naming and Addressing Ordinance for proper posting of your new address. The ordinance is available at the township building or at <http://www.poconogis.com/> under Scott Addressing.

Q: Proper posting of your new number is essential for effective and timely 911 responses. What are the requirements?

A: Reflective numbers are required by the Township's ordinance and shall be depicted in Arabic numerals in 3" reflective white lettering on green background signs measuring 6"w x 18"h, on front and back to be displayed vertical. Refer to the ordinance at <http://www.poconogis.com/> under Scott Addressing or at the township building.

Q: I've received my new address and compared it to my neighbor's. Though there aren't any houses between us, there's quite a difference between our numbers. Why?

A: Your new house number is based on the distance from your house to the beginning of your street or road. This distance-based system is used to make it easier for emergency responders to find your house. The system is also designed to allow room in the sequence of numbers for future structures.

Q: I live in an approved subdivision and there is no room for anyone to build between me and my neighbor's house. Why should there be quite a difference between our house numbers?

A: While the ability to expand the addressing system does not apply in this case, it is beneficial to keep a common addressing system throughout all of the Townships in the County. This system helps emergency services providers navigate anywhere in the County.

Q: What about my deed?

A: Your deed will automatically be changed when you sell or make changes to it at the your property. The County is aware of the addressing project and will receive a copy of the database with the new addresses.