

New non-profit group to help land owners manage deer herd

Kevin and Sean Coffey have organized a group of experienced bow hunters to help municipalities control their deer herds. Kevin and Sean, as well as some other members of the group, are law enforcement officers. Each has bow hunted for at least 15 years and all have passed a strict accuracy, proficiency test established by the group. Kevin and some other members of the group live in the Hudson area.

Here is how it will work:

1. An interested landowner contacts Bye Barsness, Town of St. Joseph Supervisor.(phone numbers below)
2. Barsness puts the group in touch with the landowner.
3. The group meets with the landowner to present their credentials and develop a written plan. The plan includes such things as property boundaries, desired timing of hunting (weekdays, weekends, etc.), number of hunters, number of animals to be taken, disposition of the animals, progress reports and other appropriate specifics.
4. Assuming the plan meets the approval of the landowner, the land owner enters an agreement with the group to implement the plan.
5. The group keeps the landowner informed as specified in the written plan.
6. At the end of the hunting season the group will provide a written report to the landowner summarizing all the details of its activities.

After an initial contact between the group and the landowner, all contacts between the group and the landowner will be direct. Supervisor Barsness will be available to both the group and the landowner to handle problems or issues, if necessary. **Barsness can be reached at 612-270-0544 (mobile) or 715-549-6966.**

Note: The Town of St. Joseph is not a party to the agreement between the group and the landowner. It's role is to connect interested landowners with the Kevin and Sean Coffey Group. It is up to the landowner to determine if the group's services meet the landowner's standards and expectations.