PSATC Impact Award Winner
Next Gen Township Leader

Amrinder Singh, Upper Darby Township



Honoring a Township leader age 45 or younger, the Next Gen Township Leader Award winner is Amrinder Singh, the Director of Licenses and Inspections and Chief Building Official of Upper Darby Township. At 38, Amrinder Singh has already devoted about 13 years to local government, starting his career in Norristown before working at Upper Darby Township.

He has led significant building safety, healthy housing, code administration, and organizational reform efforts in Pennsylvania. Under Singh's leadership in Upper Darby Township, Licenses and Inspections created its first comprehensive Administrative Manual, now approximately 450 pages, and developed more than 100 policies, procedures, directives, forms and process guides. He also led an effort to replace a 40-year-old legacy computer system to implement more modern technology solutions. This initiative is improving oversight, recordkeeping, field operations, customer service, and continuity during staffing transitions.

Developing Others

A defining feature of Singh's leadership is his commitment to developing others. He established role-specific certification expectations for permit technicians, inspectors, and animal control personnel; expanded continuing education; encouraged cross-training; and created advancement opportunities. Approximately 55% of L&I employees are now professionally certified by national industry organizations.

Statewide Impact

Making an impact statewide, former Governor Tom Wolf appointed Singh to Pennsylvania's Uniform Construction Code Review and Advisory Council. Singh continues to serve during Governor Josh Shapiro's administration as the Council's Commercial Building Inspector Representative. He participates in the technical review of modern construction codes and helps advise Pennsylvania's building-code adoption process.

Overall, Singh balances firm enforcement with fairness, education, customer service, and fiscal responsibility. His greatest achievement is the stronger systems, trained employees, partnerships, and culture of public service his leadership has helped create.