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Youth – Law Enforcement Forum

Norristown, PA (March 1, 2019) – Montgomery County’s Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Working Group – which is part of a statewide initiative coordinated by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency – will be hosting a Youth-Law Enforcement Forum in support of students on the Roosevelt Campus of Norristown Area High School (NAHS) and the Borough of Norristown Police Department.

- Who:** Dean M. Beer, Chief Defender for the Montgomery County Office of the Public Defender
Mark Talbot, Chief of Police, Borough of Norristown Police Department
- WHAT:** Youth – Law Enforcement Forum
- WHEN:** Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 8 AM – 2 PM
- WHERE:** Eagleville Hospital – Patient Care Building, Room 217 | 100 Eagleville Road, Eagleville, PA 19403
- WHY:** Youth-Law Enforcement Forums help improve relationships, break down stereotypes, and develop mutual respect between youth and police officers.

Montgomery County’s DMC Working Group, which is part of a statewide initiative coordinated by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, has over 80 members from all sectors across the County – juvenile justice stakeholders on every level – from parent advocates, teachers, and school administrators; to police officers, probation officers, criminal/civil attorneys, and judges; to faith-based leaders, community-based organizations, clinicians, and law makers.

The Montgomery County DMC Working Group helps improve relationships, break down stereotypes, and develop mutual respect between young people (and their families) and police officers in Montgomery County through Youth-Law Enforcement Forums. It promotes student civic engagement through school-based Youth Courts and, starting in the summer of 2019, it will offer student leadership in decision making in the community through their voluntary service on Youth Aid Panels.

The Youth-Law Enforcement Forum on March 5th is possible through the generous support of the PA DMC Youth/ Law Enforcement Corporation, Eagleville Hospital, Chick-Fil-A in East Norriton, and Montco Works NOW. Officers from East Norriton Township and the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Department will be joining the Borough of Norristown Police Department and students from NAHS’s Roosevelt Campus.