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### Police Response to Persons Affected by Mental Illness: The One Mind Campaign

Coatesville, PA—The Coatesville Area School District Police Department is pleased to announce that they have completed a pledge they took to improve their response to those suffering from mental illness in their community. The pledge is part of an initiative called the One Mind Campaign started by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), a 30,000-member professional association for law enforcement that provides training, technical assistance, and recruitment services. To join the One Mind Campaign, law enforcement agencies must pledge to implement four promising practices in a 12-36-month period to ensure successful future interactions between police officers and persons with mental illness. The Coatesville Area School District Police Department completed their pledge in only six months. The Coatesville Area School District Police Department is the first in Pennsylvania to complete the One Mind Campaign, an achievement in itself!

In the law enforcement community, mental illness has become a common focus, with some departments estimating that as many as 20% of their calls for service are related to mental health challenges. Chief Frank J. Galbraith made the decision to join the International Association of Chiefs of Police's One Mind Campaign because he felt that because his agency deals primarily with juvenile and adolescents that having the ability to recognize someone suffering from Mental Illness was a tool his agency couldn't be without! "Our Officers are not here to arrest the children of our community. We are here to protect our kids. Our Agency moto is, "Protect the Future", we proudly display that on our uniforms, shoulder patches and Police vehicles, and that's exactly what we intend to accomplish".

In completing the One Mind Pledge, the Coatesville Area School District Police Department established a sustainable partnership with a local mental health organization, developed and implemented a model policy to address officers' interactions with those affected by mental illness, and ensured that all of their officers received some type of mental health awareness training, with at least twenty percent of the department completing the more intensive Crisis Intervention Training. The 40-hour Crisis Intervention curriculum is designed by local agencies to train a team of specialized officers to respond to calls that involve individuals with mental health disorders such as depression or intellectual disability. The curriculum includes education on various de-escalation techniques as well as live role-play scenarios of officers responding to persons who need mental health assistance.

For more information about the One Mind Campaign, visit the IACP's website at <https://www.theiacp.org/projects/one-mind-campaign>. A list of all agencies who have taken the pledge is available there. For more information about the Coatesville Area School District Police Department program, please visit their website at [www.casdschools.org/police](http://www.casdschools.org/police).

*"Protecting the Future"*

Dear Chief Galbraith,

I want to personally congratulate you and the dedicated members of the Coatesville Area School District Police Department on your achievement in completing the One Mind Campaign Pledge. By training and certifying 100% of your agency's officers in Mental Health First Aid or other equivalent mental health awareness course and at least 20% of your sworn staff in Crisis Intervention Training, you demonstrate your agency's commitment to the safety and well-being of all the members of your community. Your willingness to build community partnerships and implement promising practices to enhance police interactions with persons affected by mental illness speaks to your innovative leadership.

As law enforcement leaders, we know that successful interactions between police officers and persons affected by mental illness improves public trust, ensures officer safety, and saves lives.

The significance of your efforts cannot be overstated.

I urge you to continue to train and certify your officers in mental health first aid training and crisis intervention team training and to continue strengthening your agency's relationship with mental health services organizations in your community. I hope you will join me in continuing to promote the One Mind Campaign. Thank you for your dedication to public safety and to enhancing police response to persons affected by mental illness.

Sincerely,



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June 8, 2020

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