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**PRESS RELEASE**

**District Attorney Names New Chester County Detective**

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan announced that Robert Balchunis has been named as the newest member of the Chester County Detectives. Balchunis was hired to replace Detective Frank Martin, who retired at the end of 2012 after a long and distinguished career.

District Attorney Hogan stated, "Detective Balchunis is a perfect fit for the Chester County Detectives. He is experienced in all fields of criminal investigation, well respected by law enforcement throughout Chester County, and a tireless and determined investigator. In addition, he understands that the job of a Chester County Detective is to work together with law enforcement throughout the County. It is our privilege to add his talents to the Chester County Detectives."

Detective Balchunis has been a police officer for 15 years. He worked for the Westtown-East Goshen Police Department from 1998 to 2012 and the West Goshen Police Department from 2012 to present. He was named WEGO PD Officer of the Year in 2001 and 2012. Detective Balchunis will be assigned to the Major Case Squad for the Chester County Detectives.

Chief of the Chester County Detectives James Vito stated, "Throughout his police career, Detective Balchunis has demonstrated a strong commitment to serving the public. We are confident of his dedication to serve the citizens of Chester County."

The Chester County Detectives are the investigative arm of the District Attorney's Office. The Detectives have jurisdiction over all of Chester County.

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Approved for release:

Thomas P. Hogan