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PRESS RELEASE

**District Attorney to Discuss
School Shootings With Coatesville Parents and Teachers**

The Chester County District Attorney's Office (the "DAO") is presenting a program on school shootings to parents and teachers throughout Chester County. The Chester County school districts are coordinating with the DAO on this program. The next school shootings presentation is at 6:30 p.m. this evening, October 16, 2018, at the Coatesville Area High School Auditorium.

The school shootings program is presented by District Attorney Tom Hogan and Downingtown Police Department Detective Andy Trautmann. District Attorney Hogan has extensive experience in dealing with domestic terrorism as a federal prosecutor. Detective Trautmann is both a SWAT commander and a former school resource officer, giving him a unique perspective on the issue of school shootings. Both District Attorney Hogan and Detective Trautmann have studied hundreds of active shooter incidents from around the world.

The school shootings presentation covers a number of important topics, including:

- Possible causes of school shootings
- Firearms used in school shootings
- Increasing frequency of school shootings

- The evolution stages of a school shooter
- Advice for preventing and responding to school shootings

The presentation includes a hands-on demonstration of basic firearms used in school shootings (all firearms are unloaded and handled properly). The presentation also covers a look inside the psychology of school shooters and police responders.

District Attorney Hogan and Detective Trautmann already have done these presentations at the West Chester Area School District, the Oxford Area School District, and the Owen J. Roberts School District. Participants have noted that the presentation is alarming because of the real-life information set forth, but reassuring because it shows the depth of preparation by Chester County law enforcement. Other presentations are scheduled at the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District on October 23, the Downingtown Area School District on October 24, and the Avon Grove School District on October 29.

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