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Montco Sheriff's Office sets policies to decrease costs, increase efficiency

Norristown, Pa., (April 18, 2016) – Montgomery County Sheriff Sean P. Kilkenny announced new policies and procedures that aim to modernize the Sheriff's Office, by increasing efficiency, saving



resources and money, and diversifying newspaper advertising exposure. Policy changes will save the office more than \$46,000 in paper costs and employee resources per year .

“We have been looking at all of our policies and procedures over the past few months to measure whether we are efficiently managing resources,” said Kilkenny. “We have already identified some areas for improvement in our Real Estate Division.”

Effective May 4, 2016, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office will say goodbye to the large quantities of 12.5" by 18.5" Sheriff Sale handbills that hang on the wall outside the office. They will be replaced by fewer copies of 8.5" by 11" handbills. In addition, all new handbills and legal publications shall be submitted to the Real Estate Division electronically, in the format of a PDF. Finally, advertisements for Sheriff Sales will contain only the "brief description" of the property consisting of the street address; parcel identification number; and a copy of the legal description of the property.

“Using electronic documents will cut down on the staff resources required to handle all of the paper,” said Kilkenny. “Reducing the size of the handbills also helps to support county sustainability goals, as well as being cost-effective by lowering printing costs.”

The Sheriff's Office will also advertise handbills and legal publications to a wider range of newspapers.

"We are reaching out to a wider and more diverse audience of potential buyers through advertising in *The Philadelphia Tribune* and *The Philadelphia Inquirer*," said Kilkenny. "We are able to increase coverage, without increasing costs to attorneys, as a result of all of the modernization efforts we are making.

The office currently advertises in local newspapers within Montgomery County.

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