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**Montco Sheriff's Department reveals leadership transition plan**

Norristown, Pa., (January 13, 2014) – The Montgomery County Sheriff's Department revealed a leadership transition plan following the retirement of Chief Deputy Alfred Ricci last week, and in anticipation of Sheriff Eileen Behr's departure on January 17, 2014.

"The MCSD is an accredited department," Behr said. "According to the transition plan, its services, policies and procedures will continue to operate according to the highest standards."

Pennsylvania state legislature Article XII in regards to sheriff's duties states that, those who act in the role of the Chief Deputy Sheriff may also step into the role Sheriff.

Capt. Gregory L. Womelsdorf, who as been with the MCSD for over 24 years and has led several divisions, will immediately assume the role of Acting Chief Deputy Sheriff. He will also serve as Acting Sheriff when Behr reports for a new position at Drexel University as Director of Police Operations.

"I have always had complete confidence in my leadership staff and I feel that the MCSD is in good hands until the new sheriff arrives," Behr said.

The Montgomery County GOP has nominated retired Chief Russell Bono to be the next county sheriff. Once Governor Corbett accepts the nomination, a majority vote of the state Senate will be required for confirmation. Elections for the Montco sheriff's position will not be held again until 2015.

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