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Retired Norristown Police Chief Bono is the new Montco Sheriff

Norristown, Pa., (March 13, 2014) – Common Pleas Judge Carolyn T. Carluccio presided, as Russell Bono was sworn-in as the new Montgomery County Sheriff late afternoon on March 12, 2014 at the Courthouse. Bono is a 42-year veteran of the Norristown Police Department, which includes 15 years as their former chief. Bono's wife Linda was by his side and watched with county officials and sheriff's department employees as Bono took the oath.

Bono will run a department of approximately 120 employees that includes sheriff's deputies, unit leaders and administrative staff.

A lifelong resident of Norristown, Pa., Bono started his policing career after joining the Army and served in a tactical weapons unit and in the Military Police. In 1971 Bono became a patrol officer with the NPD and moved to the K-9 Unit within one year. After many years of dedication and promotions he eventually reached the rank of chief in 1998 after being the first NPD officer to attend the elite FBI Academy police executive training in Quantico, Va., in 1995. Bono is credited with leading the NPD into accreditation status.

Bono replaces former Sheriff Eileen Whalon Behr who left the department in January 2014 to take a new position at Drexel University. Captain Gregory L. Womelsdorf has served as acting sheriff during Behr's absence.



PHOTO: Montgomery County Sheriff Russell Bono

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